



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | December 9, 2019

City-County Planning Commission | 1141 State Street

PRESENT:

Greg Meredith – *BGPW*

James Kenney – *WKU*

Dana Beasley Brown – *City Commissioner*

Jennifer Tougas – *WKU*

Diane Moats – *BGLOB*

STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Monica Ramsey

Ben Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Tougas, Chair, welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order. Dr. Tougas initiated introductions.

2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – August 12, 2019

Dr. Tougas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the summary notes from the August 12, 2019 BPAC meeting. Being none, she moved onto public comment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Karissa Lemon, MPO Coordinator, presented the item of business – the WKU Bike Safety Initiative. Dr. Jennifer Tougas led with the announcement of awarded grant funds to fund WKU's certification of League Cycling Instructors (LCIs). With LCIs in the community, they would mentor WKU students to help teach bicycle safety and basic tips to adults and local schools, and other community programs. Dr. Tougas stated that a leadership team has been working to sort out the details of the LCI program and associated initiative. The bike safety initiative will be part of BikeWalkBG and will work in tandem with the proposed Mobile Bike Program, which will be funded through Paula Nye grant funding. Together, these initiatives will work to provide bicycle safety and education to the community. Discussion was had on the details of the mobile bike program; Ms. Lemon said more will be discussed at the February meeting. It was mentioned to use the City's auction to acquire bicycles, purchase from Shady Ray's, or find other cost-effective way of obtaining bicycles to start off the program.

Ms. Lemon called on Diane Moats, Bowling Green League of Bicyclists, to present. Ms. Moats expressed BGLOB's interest and mission to promote bicycle safety. She asked about the potential of getting BGLOB's common bike routes signed with sharrows or share-the-road signs. Ms. Lemon said she will help coordinate between appropriate jurisdictions to explore this possibility.

Action items taken from the discussion:

- Schedule working group meeting to plan and prioritize greenway/bikeway projects, taken from the Multimodal Implementation Plan – discuss urban routes, loops, and nature trails
- Set vision for future trails by prioritizing routes and projects
- Explore use of GIS tool to assist in prioritizing greenway/bikeway projects – establish methodology and criteria
- Work with BGLOB to explore signage of cycling routes

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Lemon reported no upcoming events.

Greg Meredith, Public Works Director for the City, provided an update on the completion of the Downtown Fountain Square Park project, with the completed bike lanes. Updates were also provided on the following projects that are still awaiting approvals from the State: Moss Middle School Greenway connection, ADA sidewalk project with the City, West End Greenway Project, and Center Street bikeway project. Mr. Meredith added that the City is seeking to continue the College and State Street bike lanes north toward Circus Square Park as the Downtown improvements continue towards the riverfront.

6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2020.