



## BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | August 14, 2023

City-County Planning Commission (922 State Street, Suite 200)

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83287539086>

### PRESENT:

Matthew Holder – *KYTC D3*

Kyle Hunt – *BGPW*

Amber Kelleher – *citizen cyclist*

John F. Fox – *citizen cyclist*

Ryan Thomas – *engaged citizen*

Leah Spurlin – *WCPR*

### STAFF:

Quentin Walker

Natasha Smith

Jeff Stein

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff member Natasha Smith called the meeting to order.

### 2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – June 12, 2023

There were no additions or corrections to the summary notes from the June 12, 2023 BPAC meeting.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amber Kelleher brought up that the Netherlands has a national Bike Ambassador position and how that could be a resource in planning. John Fox suggested having a small card with a QR code distributed to area hotels so visitors can find BikeWalkBG website information. There is interest in community rental bike programs, with the idea to promote more cycling with visitors and residents. Ms. Kelleher feels that bike tourism is not promoted in BG/Warren Co. Mr. Fox echoed a recent concern about the safety of Greenway users crossing at the intersection of Lover's Lane and Cemetery Rd., which is a State-maintained road.

### 4. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a) Greenway Cleanup – Ms. Smith initiated the first item of business regarding Greenways Cleanup, stating that BikeWalkBG is the adoptive agency for the Walmart/KY Tech Institute Section. A date has not been solidified, though Sept. 8 Friday morning has been suggested for a cleanup to be led by CCPC.
- b) Greenways Brochure Update – We will be updating the brochure after Ms. Lemon returns from leave. A copy of the current Greenways map was passed around for viewing. The floor was opened for suggestions. Mr. Fox suggested adding a QR link to BWBG's website.
- c) Quentin Walker with Stormwater set up CCPC to be able to add data to the Greenways maps for amenities, such as bike racks, pump/repair stations, power for ebikes. Ms. Smith reported that select CCPC staff are able to add data, including photos and safety concerns.
- d) Discussion item: Sharrows are pavement markings intended to improve cycling safety on streets that are too narrow for traditional bike lanes by reminding drivers they should expect to see and share the road with bicyclists. Ms. Hunt brought up a visual online to illustrate sharrows. Discussion covered initial expenditure and maintenance costs; Mr. Hunt estimated sharrows installation to be a couple hundred per sign plus installation labor, and that a sign would probably last a couple of years, dependent on vehicular traffic. Maintenance and continuing cost responsibility would be determined by the supervising entity of the road. Discussion included that sharrows can increase driver awareness of the potential for cyclists but can also give cyclists a false sense of security. Designated bike lanes are preferred and protected lanes to a greater degree. Mr. Pattee is in favor of sharrows as part a long-term goal of building motorist awareness. Mr. Hunt reported that the Center St. bikeway near 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Streets had sharrows added in cooperation with WKU. He does not think the State would not add sharrows on their roadways.
- e) Discussion item: How bike lanes end at intersections and creating a safe transition between different applications. Ms. Kelleher expressed appreciation of the new lane configuration on US 31W Bypass as well as concern of the bike lanes disappearing at intersections such as Broadway. Ms. Kelleher shared photos of bike lanes moving up onto sidewalks via curb cuts. Mr. Thomas shared how Urbana Illinois puts the bike lane into the driving lane in front of a line of cars, stating it elevated driver awareness of the cyclists.
- f) Mr. Fox and Mr. Thomas discussed which apps are most useful for road cyclists vs. trail usage. Apps suggested include Bike Map, Pointz, Google Maps, Compass 55, and Ride With GPS.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Hunt advised on several projects: Currently a grant application is underway to connect Greenhill St. to Veterans Memorial. Commonwealth Engineering will be designing. Where Jennings Creek Greenways ends, the design is funded, and potentially construction will be funded next year. A Signal Warrant study for the intersection of Greenhill & Veterans may be needed. Future plans by the City include connecting Greenways from Nashville Rd to Smallhouse Rd via Highland Way. The State is adding Greenway from the WKU roundabout to Campbell Lane.

**6. ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is October 9, 2023 at 4:00pm.