



# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary Notes | February 12, 2024

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

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85959912568> Meeting ID: 859 5991 2568

## PRESENT:

Matthew Holder – *KYTC D3*

Andy Souza – *BGPW*

Leah Spurlin – *WCPR*

Dana Beasley-Brown – *BG BOC*

John Fox – *Citizen*

Amber Kelleher – *Citizen*

## STAFF:

Karissa Lemon

Rachel Hurt

Natasha Smith

Quentin Walker

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff member Karissa Lemon called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

## 2. REVIEW/ACCEPT SUMMARY NOTES – October 9, 2023

There were no additions or corrections to the summary notes from the October 9, 2023 BPAC meeting.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments/questions were presented and briefly discussed by the members:

- Concern over poor placement of a pedestrian crossing push button at Ashley Circle/ Scottsville Road
- Use of green paint on bike lanes or at intersections – the City is looking into a pilot location on Kentucky St near WKU's campus.
- Euclid Ave safety concern for pedestrians after pedestrian was hit – City reported Euclid Ave is a top priority sidewalk candidate, but still a few years out from funding.
- Highland Way greenway/sidewalk – after a neighborhood meeting to discuss the realignment of Highland Way with Emmett Ave, Board of Commissioners charged Public Works with prioritizing a greenway/sidewalk connection on Highland Way.

## 4. BUSINESS ITEMS

Ms. Lemon shared that money is in the budget to update the old Greenways brochure. The new brochure will have basic information about BikeWalkBG and its programs/focus areas. There will not be a static map in the new brochure, but will include a QR code and link to the website with the up-to-date interactive map and web page for more information. A draft is expected by early March, for printing by spring. It was also mentioned to include a list of local bike shops.

The next item of business introduced the update for the bicycle and pedestrian prioritization process to begin in June 2024 and take place over the subsequent meetings, being complete by the end of the year. Ms. Lemon then discussed the challenges of the BPAC attendance and membership. She offered a suggestion of creating working groups with specific focus areas – planning, advocacy, and education. These groups would meet on their own and report out on work/progress at the full BPAC meetings, held 2-4 times per year. This idea will continue to be explored and solidified, based on interest and involvement. Other suggestions to boost membership included: marketing that BikeWalkBG and the BPAC exist – invite the public to join; interviews by local media stations; use of electronic message boards for meeting notices; and outreach to Society for Lifelong Learning.

The final item of business was discussion of the bicycle education program for local 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Lemon stated that staff member, Natasha Smith, contacted all city and county schools to schedule a bicycle education day. So far, two schools are booked, with a few more interested this spring. Ms. Lemon added that opportunities are available to take the program to summer camps and programs. Staff is working on more opportunities to expand bicycle education in the community.

## 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Lemon reported on upcoming events and the award of \$7,000 in Paula Nye Memorial Grant funds. She stated that an application was submitted for a small \$1,500 grant to cover the purchase of bikes for the educational program.

## 6. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is April 8, 2024.