

Frederick County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2019

Committee Members	Staff	Guest
Darius Mark, Chair Shayne Boucher, Vice Chair Xavier Bruce Jerry Donald Adnan Mamoon Tim O'Donnell Lib Rood	Joe Kelley DPP Ron Burns DPP	

Chair's Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:02pm.

The Chair welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the September 11th meeting 6-0.

Staff Updates

Joe Kelley updated the committee on recent grants we received from the Maryland Bikeways Program (\$208,000.00) and a Statewide Transit Innovation Grant (\$24,000.00) from Maryland Transit Administration. Joe Kelley updated the committee on the League Cycling Instructor seminar we hosted on Oct 4th – 6th and the Bicycle Friendly Business Workshop that was held on Oct. 1st. We now have an additional LCI in the Frederick area and four to five additional businesses have applied to become a BFB. It was noted that repeating both of these may be a good idea to pick up those who missed out this year and to keep the momentum going.

New Committee member Tim O'Donnell was introduced and welcomed. Tim O'Donnell agreed to work on how the BPAC can increase/promote bicycle and pedestrian events within the County as his part of the Education & Encouragement Project.

Bikeways Signage Update

Thomas Washington with DPW presented an unfunded proposal from DPW to erect approximately 60 Bicycle May Use full lane signs on the BPAC's top five priority roads. Mr. Washington stated that it might be possible to get a handful of signs up but that DPW does not have any funds available at this time to get 60 signs bought and installed. After discussion among the members, the committee voted 7-0 to recommend that the County direct staff to install 60 signs on the top five priority roads targeting a May 1st completion date. Special attention to signing Devilbiss Bridge Rd (Dublin to MD 194) this fall was

discussed. The committee also decided that there should be a line item (\$10,000.00/year) in future CIP budget to allow for bike signs on additional roads in the county.

It was noted that the BPAC should communicate with MD SHA and City of Frederick to ask that they consider signing adjacent road sections within their purview to complement our effort.

Jerry Donald asked for some real numbers on what the top priority bike/ pedestrian projects would require for construction with an eye to breaking ground far before 2022 and completing new multi-use bike/pedestrian facilities as soon as possible. MD/PA (Walkersville project), New Design Side Path, and the H&F Trolley Trail (Thurmont to Catoctin Furnace), staff agreed to deliver said estimates, Chair asked to consider delivering the cost differential between paved 10-12 foot multi-use paths and natural surface (crushed cinder) paths per linear measure (not necessarily specific to these projects).

Education & Encouragement Project Summaries

Lib Rood and Darius Mark presented their portion of the Education and Encouragement project on “Brochures, Maps, Guides” recommending coordination with Tourism Council of Frederick on a refresh of their online bike/pedestrian resources. Questions were raised about capturing cookies from site visits and possible leveraging of social media advertising that complements the marketing messages delivered through the resources mentioned by Jerry & John in their segment.

Main Street Connector Study

The staff provided a brief summary of the Main Street Connector Study. It was noted that this document will prove useful in the future as we seek detail to make recommendations on projects. Lib Rood noted that the Agency & Public Support rating is largely subject to public awareness of these projects, their value, and their feasibility. No methodology was offered for that measure in this study.

Committee Member Announcements

Several events were noted during Committee member announcements: Rivers Edge Endurance Challenge Oct 12th, MoCo Epic, mountain bike adventure ride, in Germantown on 10/13, NICA, middle/high school mountain bike race, in Brunswick on 10/20, Trail Work Days Nov 10th and Dec 15th, and Emmitsburg 5 Mile Turkey Trot on Nov 28th

Meeting was adjourn at 7:46pm