



## **WORTHINGTON BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Minutes of the Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015 Organizational Meeting**

**Members Present:** The members present were John Rist, Kelly Whalen, Emma Lindholm, Ann Horton, Douglas Knight, Michael Bates, Amy Cooper, Larry Creed, Jeannie Martin (Chair), Celia Thornton (Staff) and Darren Hurley (Director of Parks & Recreation).

City staff present included Matt Greeson, City Manager. Also present were Bonnie Michael, Council President, and Rachael Dorothy, City Council Member.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Members were welcomed by Matt Greeson (City Manager), Bonnie Michael (Council President), Rachael Dorothy (Council Member) and Darren Hurley (Director, Parks & Recreation). Members then took turns introducing themselves to the group.

**Steering Committee Background:** Mr. Hurley shared with members the background of how this advisory board came to be going back to the City Council Retreat Goal Setting exercise in 2012. He shared how that led to the formation of the initial Steering Committee. Members received a copy of the *Steering Committee Recommendations to City Council* and were given a brief overview of their process by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Hurley also shared a handout of projects that are currently underway from the Steering Committee Recommendations. Those projects included an evaluation of the crossing at Stafford and High, a review of the downtown core for multimodal improvements, the establishment of an on-going Bike and Pedestrian Committee, dedicating a percentage of the annual budget to bike and pedestrian improvements, and creating a bike hub and trail head at the Olentangy Parklands. He shared that staff would like to schedule a presentation on the first phase of the Mobility Study that has been completed with a focus on the crossing at Stafford and High Street during the next meeting. Each member was given a draft of the consultant's report to review prior to the next meeting.

**Objectives of Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board:** Mr. Hurley shared some of the objectives of the group as discussed by Council would be to help implement the recommendations in the Steering Committee document, develop/further assess some of the ideas and concepts that weren't able to be fully researched during the brief one year steering committee process, and to continually update and refine recommendations to Council, specifically providing priority projects prior to the City's annual Capital Improvement Project budgeting process.

**Meeting Dates:** It was decided that future meetings would be held at the Community Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6pm. The next meeting date was set for Monday, Sept. 28, 2015.

**Other:** Members requested information regarding a map of all projects as determined by the previous steering committee, briefly discussed file sharing options (DropBox) and the creation of a contact list. There was also discussion about public records as they related to email accounts. City staff agreed to provide further information to the members regarding public records for volunteer boards.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.