



WORTHINGTON BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the Monday, August 27, 2018 Meeting

Members Present: The members present were Mike Bates, Larry Creed, Ann Horton, Emma Lindholm, Gary Schmidt, John Stephan and Kelly Whalen.

City Support Staff Darren Hurley (Parks & Recreation Director) and Celia Thornton were present. Also in attendance was resident John Canty (445 Riley Ave.) and Kristin Studabaker of Carpenter Marty Transportation.

Minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting were approved by all in attendance, with the exception of Larry Creed and John Stephan, who abstained since they had missed the prior meeting.

Consideration of State Bike Route Designation: Mr. Hurley shared with the board that the City was approached by Caraline Griffith, the state coordinator for the U.S. and State Bike Route System in Ohio with a request to consider passage of a Resolution by City Council which would provide City of Worthington approval and support for the development of various State and US Bike Routes. Upon review, the City does not feel this commits it to anything from a financial standpoint or creates a commitment of any kind other than allowing for the possibility of signage along our part of the route at a future date. The board reviewed the sample resolution provided (included in packet). Mr. Bates asked if the city had researched what other cities may have included in their resolutions. Mr. Hurley reiterated that this verbiage really doesn't commit the city to anything specific. Mr. Creed then cited a concern about the wording at the fifth "Whereas." Mr. Creed then made a motion to approve the ODOT Bike Route Resolution with the following change—replace "TRAIL OWNER OF JURISDICTION" not with the City, but with the Adventure Cycling Association and put City of Worthington as the a cooperative stakeholder rather than the responsible party. Mr. Stephan seconded this motion and it was approved by all.

Master Planning Next Steps: Ms. Thornton shared how the City has shared the Master Plan information with residents (website, email, newsletters, flyers, etc.). The board asked Ms. Thornton to also get signs on the Village Green and in city parks, try to get newspaper coverage and to get an email out to board members for them to sign up for other community events at which to spread the word (Farmer's Markets, Market Days, football games, etc.). The next phase is for Blue Zones to use all of the collected resident suggestions to create a draft of the plan which will be shared back out to all of the various stakeholder groups in the late fall.

Sidewalk Program Proposal Follow Up: City staff is currently giving City Council proposals for the 2019 CIP. Mr. Hurley is including the Advisory Board Sidewalk Program and CIP Recommendation memo that was given to the board (included in packet). The memo will be included in Council packets for next week's meeting. Mr. Hurley explained the city process for how funding requests work and shared that he asked for \$285,000 (adjustable to whatever 1% of the City's budget projection is in future years). Mr. Hurley indicated his role is to submit the Bike and Pedestrian funding request as a CIP request to the City Manager, who reviews it with all other requests and determines whether to submit it as is or adjust it based on other demands and then it goes to City Council. Mr. Bates indicated he didn't think that was right, citing that as an appointed Advisory Board their request should be heard and determined by Council and not staff. Mr. Stephan stated that the language in the establishment of the board was to advise both City Council and staff. Mr. Hurley said he was following city budget procedure and the same process occurs for park improvements, for example. He also indicated that he was making Council aware of the specific recommendation and they would be able to see if what the City Manager submits is different than the Board's recommendation and City Council could still ultimately decide if they want to fund the full recommendation or not.

Updates:

1. Trail to Old Worthington Connection Update – Construction began earlier than expected, just as Old Worthington Partnership door hangers were going out to alert neighbors, which created a bit of a challenge as communications had broken down on timing between the contractor, city and the Old Worthington Partnership. The door hangers did go out and concerns have not been heard at this point. Realignment and improved curbs are already done and in mid-September the access road is scheduled to be widened and repaved. Ms. Thornton is working on the signage package and for the Olentangy Trail signs is waiting for MORPC to approve a new design package.
2. Monthly Report from Lime – Mr. Hurley shared the usage report for the month of July. The board had a brief discussion regarding the scooters they're seeing in Columbus and their concerns should they be added to Worthington. Concerns were also raised about seeing children under sixteen and riders without helmets using Lime in the City, but since no actual laws are being broken decided nothing could be done about enforcement. Mr. Hurley noted that as of the September board meeting Lime would be three months (halfway) through their trial period. He said he would put together an overview of the three months so that the board could start thinking about what to recommend as the trial ends.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.