



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

### **Minutes of the Monday, September 24, 2018 Meeting**

**Members Present:** The members present were Mike Bates, Larry Creed, Ann Horton, Jeannie Martin, Gary Schmidt, and Kelly Whalen.

City Support Celia Thornton was present. Also in attendance were residents Debbie Cameron and Bill McCarthy (266 East Dublin Granville Road) and City Council Member Rachael Dorothy.

Minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting were approved by all in attendance, with the exception of Jeannie Martin, who abstained.

**Master Planning:** Ms. Thornton reviewed all of the locations and ways that the bike and pedestrian master plan information was disseminated to residents of the community (website, emails, neighborhood networks, public meetings, special event representation, flyers in community locations and through schools, signs on the Village Green and in all Worthington parks, a newspaper article, etc.). Ms. Thornton also overviewed the Geo-wiki mapping tool data that she had received from Tony Hull (Blue Zones Consultant). The mapping website had received 350 logins correlating to 590 unique comments that included:

- 191 Issues
- 120 Ideas
- 57 routes people like to bike
- 84 routes people like to walk
- 138 routes that need improvement

There were also an additional 70 piggy-back comments added onto existing comments. The consultant's next step is to review all of the feedback and develop strategies and draft recommendations to bring back to all of the stakeholder groups later in the fall. Mr. Hurley and Ms. Thornton have conference call set up with the Blue Zones consultant team on October 1 and will have a firmer grasp of the timeline moving forward after this call. Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Horton then shared their experiences of volunteering at the Market Day event. Mr. Schmidt said that in two hours they had quite a few people stop by the booth and that many of them were young. Mrs. Horton shared that the overall theme seemed to be safety, particularly around:

- Linworth Road pedestrian access and safety concerns (there is currently a petition to the City circulating)
- Many young people want to more easily get places by bike, particularly the Olentangy Trail
- People love the pedestrian access over 270 (possibilities for improvement)
- Excitement over the NE Gateway improvements
- Pedestrian/bike access along Worthington Galena (and aesthetic improvements)
- South end people love block parties when the streets are closed just for pedestrian access
- People in Colonial Hills said there is a safety concern around the Park Overlook intersection (Park Blvd./Foster/Lake Ridge Dr.)

Mrs. Horton suggested that the Master Plan link on the City's website should be updated as the information changes. Ms. Thornton assured her that it would be. Mr. Bates also said that he thought Blue Zones was supposed to meet with the Steering Committee in September. Ms. Thornton did not recall that, but said she would double check and have more information after the October 1 conference call. She thought that the next step was Blue Zones bringing their draft back to everyone later in the fall.

**Walking Tour of Evening & 161 Intersection and 161/Access Road Project:** After going through the updates, the board decided, in spite of the rain, to proceed with the walking tour. Ms. Thornton passed out a tentative schedule on the paving and improvements from Service (included in the board packet) and then the board, and Ms. Dorothy, walked from the Griswold Center to the 161 Access Road to see the improvements and noted pedestrian impediments along the way (uneven sidewalks, etc.). Mrs. Horton requested that Ms. Thornton ask Mr. Hull with Blue Zones for a template on how to conduct our own walking audits.

#### **Updates:**

1. State and US Bike Route Resolution – Ms. Thornton referred to a copy of the City Resolution (number 49-2018) that was adopted on September 17, 2018 by City Council in support of State and United States Bike Routes (resolution included in packets). She pointed out that the language changes suggested by the board had been adopted.
2. Three Month Lime Overview – Ms. Thornton handed out a Lime Report she'd created that overviewed the past three months of the Lime trial and promised to email a digital version of the report to the board. The report overviewed number of riders, miles ridden, repair and accident information, etc. Mr. Whalen noted that there were no accidents reported during the three month time period. He wondered how they received their data (did they connect with the local police) and what they considered accidents?

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.