

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:07)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Carolan, Daubs, Kehrt, Neilly, Schramm, Scott, Thayer, Whyte

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – April 26, 2017
All 'Ayes', minutes approved

4. BIKE TO WORK WEEK RECAP:

Weather was less than ideal for Bike to Work Week 2017, forcing the cancelation of the Ride of Silence and the Friday morning ride. Attendance at Tuesday morning's ride and the Friday "Helmets and Hops" party was down significantly from years past. Keep your eyes and ears open for ideas on how to get the word out and get people excited about BTWW events.

5. HOTEL / MOTEL AWARD DISCUSSION:

Billings informed the Committee that the Hotel/Motel Committee awarded BPAC funds, but not the full amount requested. The Committee agreed that the full amount for the t-shirts should be taken off the funding proposal. Whyte noted that if the Committee did not buy all of the needed bike racks, the remainder could be a portion of a request for the 2018 H/M funds. Carolan also indicated that the estimate for the benches was for metal benches (similar to ones on south side of City Square Park) and might not look the best next to the trail. He indicated that he would rather install wooden benches by that portion of trail. The Committee unanimously agreed to lessen the cost impact of the benches by choosing a different material. With the cost savings from not ordering t-shirts and changing the bench material for a more budget friendly option, the Committee will still be able to order the fix-it station and all 14 bike racks.

6. TRAIL STATUS UPDATE:

Barkalow informed the Committee that the Grant Wood Trail (Highway 13 to 35th Street) was nearly complete and was just waiting for the final signature from the IDNR before submitting to the IDOT. The letting date for this project will be scheduled for December.

The Grant Wood Trail (35th Street to 31st Street) has been identified as a potential project in the City's Capital Improvement Program. This trail segment not only connects the Grant Wood Trail on the east half of Marion to what will be the Grant Wood Trail on the west half of Marion, the property will serve as a wetland mitigation area, while also serving a storm water basin function. Because of the wetland contingency for the other trail project, this project will most likely need to start in the fall of 2018.

Barkalow noted that staff (and consultant) are currently waiting for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to sign off on the consultant contract so that trail design work can begin. Design is anticipated to begin soon, and last a year, with public input anticipated for the design of the bridge over Marion Boulevard.

Billings informed the Committee that funds would become available in October for the Indian Creek Trail. She described the proposed location of the trail and explained that the agreement with the IDOT for the project was on the City Council Agenda for September 7.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Billings notified the Committee that the city was offering apparel with the City logo on it to be worn at Committee events. All members of the Committee are welcome to purchase the various items at their own cost.

Public Service has indicated that they will be painting additional on-street bike accommodations in Marion this year.

Barkalow informed the Committee that bids have been received (slightly under the engineers estimate) for three sets of rectangular rapid flashing beacons for S. 15th Street, and two locations on Alburnett Road.

Billings noted that the Safe Routes to School Plan has been approved by the Marion Independent School Board and will be on the September 7th City Council Agenda for approval. Billings noted she would email the Committee the Plan to review.

Lastly, on Labor Day, the Linn County Trails Association will be hosting a Mayors Bike Ride in Cedar Rapids. All mayors and council members in the metro area are encouraged to participate.

8. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary