

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:02)

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Motion by Daubs, seconded by Thayer to keep the same officers in 2018 as were in 2017. Those officers being: Chair – Barkalow, Vice Chair – Billings, Secretary – Scott.

All “Ayes”, motion carried.

4. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – October 24, 2017
Motion by Neilly, seconded by Brandt to approve the minutes.
All ‘Ayes’, minutes approved.

5. RECAP OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CONFERENCE & IOWA BIKE SUMMIT:

Billings gave a summary of the Safe Routes to Schools Conference held in Des Moines on January 25th. She noted there were some impressive speakers from the Iowa Traffic Safety Bureau, the Des Moines Area MPO, and the University of Iowa Injury Prevention and Bicycle Safety programs. She noted that the especially telling presentations involved a good discussion on how our roads have been increasingly designed towards the straightest and fastest route for vehicular traffic, which has a tendency to lessen the aesthetics and pedestrian comfort of an area. Also interesting was a presentation on traumatic injuries to children from riding bikes (most likely from not wearing a helmet) and age specific abilities for riding a bike (awareness and ability vs. risk taking).

On January 26th, The Iowa Bike Summit in Des Moines had some interesting speakers as well including different ways to market your community towards trail use, bike share projects coming to Iowa, People for Bikes – Network Analysis, and art installations along the Raccoon River Trail (in every community along the trail).

Schramm added that at the Walkability Action Institute in Atlanta they talked about ciclovias in which city blocks were shut off from vehicular traffic and residents were encouraged to just walk and bike in the street, free of car traffic. Almost like one big block party.

6. CEDAR RAPIDS BIKE SHARE / IOWA BIG:

At the January CMPO Trails meeting (typically held first Tuesday of the Month), Alta Planning and Design presented/gathered input for the potential bike share program that would be coming to Cedar Rapids. At the meeting, three different types of bike share programs were presented, attendees discussed potential locations for bike share stations, and possible host

agencies for a bike share employee. Cedar Rapids will most likely be launching their program in May of 2019, with 2018 being unlikely. Things to think about when planning bike share: how many stations, location of stations at prime destinations, partnerships with a user group (college students or business area), most likely not going to make a profit, need a person to manage program (in non-profit agency, for profit business, or contract services), and anticipated trips that people will be making (realistic idea of when/where bikes would be used).

7. GWT / CEMAR / INDIAN CREEK TRAIL UPDATES:

Billings updated the Committee that the Grant Wood Trail Extension to Highway 13 had been let and awarded to Rathje with construction beginning no later than April 16th of 2018. The City will also be letting the trail project from 31st to 35th Streets with a final completion date in early 2019 (to allow for wetland plantings). Barkalow noted that pedestrian beacons will be installed at 31st and 35th Streets as part of the City funded trail project.

The CeMar Trail design is not any further with acquisitions, but some bridge concepts were presented to staff. Some concepts staff liked, and others staff unanimously did not like. The final three concepts will be presented at an open house, BPAC will be made aware!

Indian Creek Trail design was awarded to Snyder and Associates, just waiting on scope of services to approve and get started with design.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Schramm informed the Committee that Wellmark was opening up a grant opportunity for up to \$100,000 in matching grants to government or non-profit agencies, with trail development an eligible project. Billings noted that she would want more information on grant deadlines and spending deadlines.

Kehrt informed the Committee that he would be presenting to the Park Board at their next meeting to discuss the potential for single track trail south of Boyson Road, west of the creek.

9. ADJOURN:

With no further business, and no further quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary