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1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:02 p.m.)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Abbott, Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Daubs, Neilly, Prouty, Scott, Staashelm  
(left at 4:16), Thayer

Guests: Craig Rairdin, Jimmie Hunter, Thomas Spratt

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 28, 2019  
Motion by Neilly, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes.  
All 'Ayes', minutes approved.

4. BIKE TO WORK WEEK DISCUSSION

Billings shared the Bike to Work Week schedule from 2019 and discussed each one of the days/events to discuss any possibility for changes in 2020. There was some discussion on what day to have the official kick-off of BTWW in Marion and also what locations would be good start and stop points for the first morning ride. Mr. Rairdin suggested multiple starting points with everyone ending in the Uptown. Billings noted that was a great idea to get more bikers seen throughout Marion but was concerned for the loss of critical mass of having everyone participate as one group.

Billings noted that the Helmets and Hops After Party on Thursday night last year was a great success and the Committee agreed to continue it again this year.

Prouty noted that 'The Fez' will be doing a concert at Lowe Park on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. She suggested that there be a ride to the park/concert. Billings noted she would contact the appropriate people to see if it can be coordinated.

5. 2020 HOTEL / MOTEL APPLICATION DISCUSSION

Billings discussed ideas that had previously been brought to her attention and asked the Committee if they had any other Hotel/Motel Application ideas.

<b>Idea</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Rain Paint on Trail (appears only in rain)	Most applicable in Uptown Lasts Years -> Looks bleached
Bike Light/Blender	
Glow Stones	
Temporary Trail Art	Need ideas over a year, too soon to apply
Landscaping	Incorporate with Benches project?
Benches and trash receptacles along trail	Parks already have set design?
Decorative Lighting	
Electric Bike Rental (Tricycles for Seniors)	
Historical Signs on Trails	CMPO may already be coordinating

6. TRAIL UPDATE:

CeMar Trail: Indian Creek Bridge – project was let on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February with PCI identified as the low bidder.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Thomas Spratt addressed the Committee and noted he was a member of the American Legion and now since the trail runs right by their property, he has been encouraging other members to ride on the trail, but he fears that they are not riding because of limited ability or lack of proper balance. He handed out information on a program called “Cycling Without Age” in which a rickshaw type of bike is purchased and used to get seniors out on the trails and back into nature. The Committee was generally supportive of the idea. Billings noted that from a staff perspective, she would be interested in looking for alternate funding sources and potentially looking at the right City Department that these could be rented out from.

Billings brought up the Master Trails Plan Map in which there is a proposed sidepath on 1<sup>st</sup> Street that would extend north from the existing Bike Boulevard on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and dead end at Marion Boulevard. She noted that the Water Department has a water main project in that area and now would be the time to look at installing the sidepath since they were going to have it dug up. The Committee agreed that the lack of connectivity was a good reason not to pursue the sidepath at this time.

Billings noted that there is a Livable Communities Grant available through AARP that is due in April. Her intent is to apply for additional funding for the Marion Independent Safe Routes to Schools Trail to extend the trail south from the proposed crossing at 15<sup>th</sup> Street to connect the trail down to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, depending on how much the grant would fund. The Committee was supportive of the idea, especially since it has the potential to piggyback on the existing construction project.

8. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Thayer, Secretary