

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:03 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Abbott, Barkalow (4:10), Billings, Brandt, Neilly, Prouty (4:04), Scott, Staashelm (4:16), Thayer

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – June 30, 2020
Motion by Brandt, seconded by Thayer, to approve the minutes.
All 'Ayes', minutes approved.

4. BIKE REGULATIONS – CHAPTER 76

Brandt asked if the fee could be waived during special events to encourage more people to register their bikes? Billings noted that she didn't think the fee should be waived permanently because of the administrative time to file and keep the records. She would check with Police on what a suggested fee might be. Brandt asked if City Council could pass something that waives the fee up to so many times a year or during specified events each year. Billings noted she would check with Legal and would also check with Cedar Rapids to see if they waive fees ever.

Billings noted that she was waiting to hear back from Legal on whether the reference to the State Code could be taken out after almost every paragraph.

The Committee agreed that bikes should not be allowed to be ridden between 7th and 13th Streets. The Committee discussed the need to have appropriate signage to relay this message when it gets approved.

The Committee discussed the 'special fine' and asked if police have anything on file of the sort.

5. BIKE LICENSING – CHAPTER 77

No discussion

6. UPTOWN BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATION REVIEW

Billings informed the Committee that the City is working with RDG Planning and Design to create an Uptown Master Plan that will be implemented with the reconstruction of 7th Avenue through the Uptown. This area includes a Plaza in Uptown and shows a through route for cyclists from south to north... with the understanding that the through route might not be the fastest, but rather the easiest. Billings presented a slideshow that was being discussed with the technical committee.

7. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REAP GRANT APPLICATION

Staashelm explained that they would like to submit a REAP Grant application for \$150,000 to go towards development of a new park along 29th Avenue, between 44th Street and 50th Street. He displayed a layout of the park and described the proposed amenities. He asked that the Committee approve a letter of support for the project.

Billings explained how this park is anticipated to be a trail head or main connection to the future trail planned to connect south to the Grant Wood Trail and even further south to Squaw Creek Park.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Neilly to write a letter of support for the park development. All 'Ayes', motion passed.

8. TRAIL UPDATE:

Billings noted that crews were on site for the reconstruction of the Indian Creek Bridge.

The trail through Thomas and Legion Parks will be closed on August 3rd to allow for the paving of the trail from Marion Boulevard to just short of Menards. Also, the bridge demo over Marion Boulevard is slated to begin no later than August 24th. Traffic will be open at least one lane in each direction for the duration of the demolition.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Billings informed the Committee that she received notification that the Faux Sidewalk Shadows were awarded \$1,250 which is half the amount requested. She will work to find an artist and coordinate with City projects that won't be disturbing the sidewalks in Uptown.

The AARP Community Challenge Grant was discussed.

10. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Thayer, Secretary