

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Mooney, Neilly, Scott, Carolan, Monroe, Kehrt

3. MINUTES.

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – July 28, 2015

Motion by Mooney, Second by Carolan. All 'Ayes', motion passed.

1. PROJECT UPDATE.

a. Highway 13 Underpass

Barkalow noted that the City met with the contractors the week prior to discuss punch list items.

b. Highway 13 to 35th Street

Billings informed the Committee that staff has two property easements to complete before the construction of the trail can proceed; the project is on hold until then.

c. CeMar Trail

Questions to the DOT regarding the aesthetic enhancements verses plain bridge construction cost. How does the federal money get proportioned correctly?

Federal funding for entire trail is available now. Still need to discuss easement acquisitions with property owners south of Highway 100.

d. Lindale Trail Crossing at Lindale Drive

Billings noted that the City has hired Shive-Hattery for engineering work related to the rapid flashing beacon design at the Lindale Drive crossing. Barkalow added that the project calendar is anticipated to be approved by the Council at the first meeting in November.

e. Painting projects

Billings has been in communication with both the Engineering and Public Service Departments to figure out where the funding and/or man power will come from to paint the prioritized bike routes as approved by BPAC in 2014.

2. GRANTS.

a. Wellmark Grant for Bike Racks

Thank you for voting for Marion's bike rack grant. Last checked, Marion was ranked 15th in the number of votes. Should hear back on the grant in November.

Carolann identified the need to install some sort of plaque to identify the racks for bike parking purposes and not play equipment.

b. Surface Transportation Program – Discuss Potential Projects

Billings explained the distribution of the Federal Highway funding in the Metro area. She then identified how projects (trails and roads) are ranked and how that ranking plays a part in what projects are eligible to request funds. She identified that the 10th Avenue sidepaths (Hy-Vee to Wal-Mart) and the Squaw Creek Trail (29th Avenue to Squaw Creek Park) are Marion's top ranked projects and would stand the best chance at receiving funds.

Carolann identified that the 10th Avenue sidepaths would serve a needed connection. Kehrt concurred with Carolann. Sara Mentzer with Blue Zones added that it would not only serve a connectivity purpose, but a multi-modal purpose that is needed in this area.

Motion by Barkalow, seconded by Mooney to recommend the City Council approve the submittal of a Surface Transportation Program Grant application for the 10th Avenue sidepaths between Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart. All 'Ayes', motion passed.

3. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Swamp Fox Bike Ride around Marion

Billings noted she was please to have 35+ participants for the Swamp Fox Bike Ride. Large take away from the ride was that stops need to be planned on route to allow slower riders to catch up.

b. Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Billings noted that staff is still waiting to hear back on the City's designation for a Bicycle Friendly Community. Hoping to hear back in November.

c. 29th Avenue on/off ramps.

Scott suggested the City look into on/off ramps for the sidepaths to bike lanes along 29th Avenue. Barkalow noted the City has done those on 35th Street and Tower Terrace Road before.

4. ADJOURN. (5:00pm)

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Neilly, Secretary