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City of Greenville
Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
Summary Minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 @ 5:30PM
City Council Chambers | 200 W Fifth St, Greenville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Board members present: Katy Webb, Chair; Adele Grier; Traye Smith; Patrick Harris; Tony Parker; Corina Jury; Chad Carwein; Robert Turner; Alvin Gardner.

ADVISORS PRESENT:

- Advisors present: Eric Gooby; Jeff Cabaniss; Police Sergeant Mike Ross; Taylor Cabaniss.

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

- Ex-officio present: Gary Fenton; Kevin Mulligan.

STAFF LIAISONS:

- Staff liaisons: Dean Foy; Scott Godefroy; Lynn Raynor; Laura J. Davenport; Calvin Mercer, City Council Liaison; Rik DiCesare.

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:

The meeting was opened at 5:30 PM and the following items were discussed. Agenda items are in bold print with the highlights of the discussion and actions below the agenda item.

I. Roll Call/Quorum

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the June 7, 2017 agenda as presented. Motion: Tony Parker; Second: Robert Turner; Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to table the May 3, 2017 minutes until the August 2, 2017 meeting. Motion: Patrick Harris; Second: Tony Parker; Motion carried unanimously.

V. Member Announcements

None.

VI. Public Comment Period (3 minutes)

- 1. Matthew Pensky – shared an article from the East Carolinian.
2. Steven Hardy-Braz (EC Velo) – Thanked everyone for their support for Bike to School Day and the Ride of Silence.

VII. Advisor (Non-voting) Report

- A. Eric Gooby (Pitt County)
1. None.

- B. Taylor Cabaniss (Vidant Medical Center)
  - 1. None.
- C. Sgt. Mike Ross (Greenville Police Department)
  - 1. None.
- D. Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT)
  - 1. None.

## **VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Public Works (Lynn Raynor)
  - 1. 2017 Annual Resurfacing Project is set to kick-off on Monday. This includes sections of Elm Street, Arlington (between Memorial Drive and Hooker Road), Hooker Road (from Arlington Blvd to Greenville Blvd). City Traffic Engineers are looking to see if there are ways to add bike lanes on the roads mentioned above. Discussion ensued.
  - 2. Safe Routes to School – Sidewalk construction between Millbrook and Arlington, a section of sidewalk on South Skinner Street and along East 5<sup>th</sup> Street by the Catholic church with a pedestrian bridge, which is still in some easement acquisition, hopefully advertised for construction in late fall.
  - 3. South Tar Greenway – resubmitted contract proposal to NCDOT; hope to advertise in two months.
- B. Recreation and Parks (Dean Foy)
  - 1. None.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Extreme Park (Lamarco Morrison, Parks Planner, Recreation and Parks)
  - 1. Looking at two sites – Old Landfill and an Old Warehouse; finishing up with environmental tests at both sites; nothing hazardous at either site.
  - 2. Warehouse - Have made an option to purchase. Most valuable portion is concrete at warehouse. Structural tests do need to be completed. Pros – easy access to Greene St/adjacent to River Park North, and already has parking. Cons – expensive to demo and it floods.
  - 3. Landfill – Nothing hazardous in environmental and in borings. Can develop a park. Pros – close to greenway, Greensprings Park, and walkable from ECU. Cons – anything you dig up will be landfill debris and have to fill with dirt.
  - 4. Doing an RFQ for design from a skatepark architectural firm. Want the design firm to vet the site. Once the designer is on board there will be public meetings.
- B. Use of Sharrows (Rik DiCesare, City Traffic Engineer)

The charge for Public Works for any project is to get complete infrastructure to complete streets consistency throughout the City; accommodating all modes of transportation (vehicles, bicycles, and pets). If it's a major project, like widening Evans Street, all sorts of options come into play. Any widening project will always, from this point forward, have the complete streets approach, that being bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles will be equally provided for. The resurfacing is a retrofit, not widening. It's 56' of pavement. The lane widths can be altered and remarked, while staff look at how to restripe or remark the pavement. The first thing staff looks at is if a dedicated bike lane can fit. An indicated bike

lane is 4-5', preferably 5' and can't be striped any less. The next option is looking at minimizing the lanes to the greatest extent possible to give the widest lane on the outside. If 14' can be met, it can be marked as a sharrow lane. Sharrows (shared lane markings) – a bike lane gets a bike symbol; the shared bike lane gets a symbol that looks like sergeant stripes with a bicycle. Sharrows are road markings to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles. It has to be 14', less than 35mph. All decision makings on roads are internal because it is a black and white decision. Discussion ensued.

C. TAP Funds (Jeff Cabaniss)

Once funds are dedicated for a certain period, they are there until they are used up. Had funds for MAP21 which ended; but is now American Service Transportation which is funded thru 2020. Discussion ensued.

D. Bike Repair Stations (Chad Carwein)

A motion was made to table this item until the August 2, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Alvin Gardner

Second: Chad Carwein

Motion carried unanimously.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Bike Month Report (Chad Carwein)

1. City Bike Ride was well attended and on TV.
2. EV Velo Ride of Silence was well attended and successful.
3. Proclamation was declared and read by City Council Member Kandie Smith.
4. National Bike Ride Challenge – Ongoing through the month of October.
5. Fiesta Biathlon – Huge growth in numbers.
6. GAPS event raised over \$1,000.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion made to adjourn.

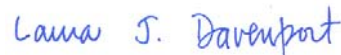
Motion: Robert Turner

Second: Alvin Gardner

Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recreation and Parks Department