

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
Virtual – Teams Meeting

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak John Thomas Russell Richardson Shayne Boucher Roger Rinker Jennifer Whitmore Eric Eckl Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson	

Chairman’s Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Alyssa stated that she was contacted by Marien about some overgrowth issues at the campus of Frederick Heath Hospital. She contacted them and they are going to work with Ruppert Landscaping who will trim the trees back to make sure the access is unimpeded along the sidewalk.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Approval of Minutes:

June 2, 2020

Motion: Lou Huzell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: John Thomas.

Vote: 9-0.

Staff Review:

• Crash Report:

- Alyssa stated that months ago we had raised the topic of the Shared Use Path crossing on Baughman’s Lane and the split lanes and there was discussion about repositioning the lane split so the split would happen beyond the crosswalk on either side. That was something received fairly well during the committee meeting but don’t know if anything ever made progress for that? David responded that he will follow up with Cherian in engineering to make sure that got addressed or a part of the CIP.
- Alyssa asked about incident #1 and which light did it occur? David replied that it was Baughman’s Lane and Rosemont Avenue.
- Alderman Russell stated in regard to Baughman’s Lane the segment that is two (2) lanes now to the stop sign, that will become four (4) lanes when the farm develops. There may be a signal.

• North Market protected bicycle land

- Alderman Russell asked if the NAC was made aware of this initial portion? David replied that they were not and have been deferring to the Mayors office on the political outreach and they chose not to do that.
- Russell asked if this facilitates the middle schoolers getting to TJ Middle. David stated that it would, yes. However, at the moment, it does not go that far north.
- Alyssa asked what the timeline is for the other segments of the protected lane. David responded there currently is not one, but it would be part of the restriping and paving of that area.
- Alderman Russell stated that it may be good to have the BPAC Committee write a letter of support of the current piece and urging us to make those connections. David stated the committee wrote a letter in November to the mayor expressing support.
- JT asked what happens to the northbound biker when they get to the end of the lane on North Market Street. David stated at the moment there is not and the best thing for the northbound cyclist would be to exit on the rail trail or stay within the shoulder that exists.
- **Pedestrian -actuated signal/beg button**
 - Shayne asked how to do you prioritize feedback from the community when one looks at a particular intersection to see if it is something that you would go ahead and update the pedestrian crossing sign. David replied if we get a community request generally our first response is taking a look and see what we think it is something that is badly designed, well designed, is it an easy or hard fix. We also have specific intersections in our CIP that are slated for some sort of upgrade.
- **Downtown Bike Parking**
 - Alderman Russell was wondering if there was any space in the ground level of our parking garages that could be dedicated to a bicycle corral. Alyssa stated she has gotten feedback about the availability of bike parking in the garages due to safety concerns, but she would think during these times where traffic in the garages is lower than normal that might mitigate some of those concerns.
 - Shayne asked if there was some space in the parking lot by the police station? Alderman Russell responded no the city does not own that.
 - Marien asked about the Carmack Jays lot where the city has parking meters? David stated we do not have any racks available so we would have to borrow or buy them. He added that the parking manager has been looking at installing loop racks in some of the garages and he will follow up with him on that.
 - Shayne stated he does not know the flexibility of the parking spaces on Market Street, but it would be worth considering taking one of the spots and convert it into bike parking.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Marien wanted to thank Alderman Russell with two (2) different situations first being she contacted a county agency who was parking county vehicles on the sidewalk which made it difficult for pedestrians to navigate Market Street. The second thing was she helped me thank a city employee from the water department who saw me walking up on Market and 7th Street they were getting the fountain ready to be turned on so all their vehicles were blocking the sidewalk and this gentleman saw me with my cane, stopped and help me cross the street safely because he was aware his truck was blocking the sidewalk and he was very kind so she helped me thank the proper person.
- Shayne stated he is working with the City of Brunswick to try to help them become a bike friendly city, so we are putting on a couple of events. Saturday, July 18th is the Penny Farthing and Pints, Sunday, August 2nd is the Bo back the Canal all are welcome to join, and they will be practicing social distancing. Lastly, he stated that he is pleased to announce that Thermoscientific will be recognized as a gold bike friendly business.

- Jennifer stated that the Annual SanMar Bicycle tour had to be adjusted this year but there is going to be a one (1) day ride this coming Saturday, July 11th. There are plenty of riders that still need sponsorship and all of it goes to SanMar community services. On Sunday, they will have a recap celebration so if anyone is free come out and support SanMar.
- JT thanked the Mayor & Board for the street closure for downtown it looks good and all the staff that helped plan that. He added there is still a need for a wider gap at the entrances for wheelchairs and bikes to get through

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Roger Rinker.

Second: Marien Hornyak

Vote: 10-0.

Adjourned approximately 7:16 P.M.