

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**  
**Virtual – Teams Meeting**

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak Shayne Boucher Russell Richardson Roger Rinker Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Brandon Mark	Joe Kelley

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

**Announcements:**

No announcements.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**February 2, 2021**

The minutes for the February 2, 2021 BPAC meeting were tabled until the April 6, 2021 meeting.

**Staff Review:**

• **Crash Report**

- No comments/concerns.

• **East Street Redesign – TLC Grant**

- Shayne stated he does not know why the committee would not go for this grant. He asked if there are other areas the grant might be used or applicable for. He feels this is important and added we have looked at East Street for a while in terms of sidewalks to make it a better design for accessibility and we are going to Form Based Codes (FBC) and incorporate complete streets guidelines to this area.

Lou Huzella joined the meeting. (6:42 p.m.)

- Alyssa concurred with Shayne.
- Alderman Russell added the city already has a Complete Street Policy, so this is taking that to the next level to enable us to create this FBC.

**Motion:**

Motion: Shayne Bouche.

Second: Marien Hornyak.

Vote: 7-0.

• **AARP Community Challenge Grant**

- Shayne stated that dressing up parks and adding some elements would be good. And others were putting benches where people were waiting for buses especially in high traffic areas and could do an art project to beautify the crossing of a sidewalk. He also added we could put some plants or something to beautify these parklets that are along Market Street. He feels it would enhance the overall public feel of the area.

- Alyssa stated that the parklets was something she had thought about as well. She asked Alderman Russell how a grant like this might dovetail what the efforts of the city are already involved in with those. Alderman Russell responded that the city is partnering with the Downtown Frederick Partnership to work with a consultant to examine what possibilities are in the future to permanently have these experiences with wider sidewalks. She is not sure if that study has yet been awarded or underway. She added that we also think of other places besides downtown, there are many areas of the city that could use some attention.
  - Shayne mentioned about getting some bike racks that could be put on the Golden Mile. Alderman Russell stated that we do not own those businesses or property. We can buy bike racks, but we cannot make them put them anywhere.
  - Alyssa asked if the funds could be put towards the sidewalk retro fitting process. David replied they could be put to the actual building of the sidewalk, yes.
  - Alderman Russell asked how specific the application must be. David responded we need to be specific.
  - David asked Russell if he has seen anything interesting to transplant over here. Russell stated there are long stretches of sidewalk that were made of asphalt that were horrible to ride on and they have just replaced them all with nice wide concrete and there are areas in Frederick where there is either there are not sidewalks, or they are in a state of disrepair that could have immediate attention.
  - Shayne asked if there was anything over by the senior center that could use some attention on Taney Avenue. Marien responded it is dark in that area and mentioned if the lighting could be improved. Alderman Russell stated that if it is street lighting that is the city, but parking lighting is the county. She stated that streetlights that are independent of the grid that are solar powered. We do have streets that do not have lighting and is not sure if this is something, we can pilot this sort of thing.
  - Russell asked about funding some crosswalks like along East Street.
  - David asked about linking the Fredericktowne Village Trail where it currently stops as well as the Rivercrest Trail.
  - Alyssa asked if there is an end date to get suggestions to David. David responded yes and provide any suggestions within the next 3 weeks.
- **Capital Improvement Program Priorities**
    - Shayne asked if it include the Rock Creek Trail to grade the steep hill or would that not be park of the trail improvement. David responded it could be. Right now, we do not have a scope beyond its physical length.
    - Alderman Russell asked where we were with the projects where we have received significant grant funding for. David stated that we are still trying to work with the state for the RFP advertisement. He added we do have an extension on the Golden Mile MOU and we still have time for the East Street Phase II.

**Motion to endorse:**

Motion: Roger Rinker.

Second: Shayne Bouche.

Vote: 7-0.

- **Bike-Ped Plan Update – High level draft of bicycling projects**

- Shayne stated there is a little bit of controversy with the bike path to go around Fort Detrick that is something we need to take into consideration with that part of the trail could be done with public support.
- Alyssa stated just to clarify that would take the stub from Hayward Road and connecting it across Rte. 15 to Wormans Mill. David responded possibly. He added it also depends on how long the bridge must be, so the grades are not too steep.
- Alderman Russell asked if there is a consideration to build under as to opposed to over. David replied that may work and under makes a lot of sense. He believes there is a trench through that area for the railway.

**Committee Member Announcements or Comments:**

- Alderman Russell stated that the Board of Aldermen will be conducting budget hearings beginning in April to put on your calendar if you are interested.
- Shayne stated that this years National Bike Summit is the largest summit meeting they have had because of it being virtual and took all the costs out that it takes to run it, so it made it very affordable.

**Public Comment:**

- There was no public comment.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Roger Rinker.

Second: Marien Hornyak.

Vote: 7-0.

**Adjourned approximately 7:30 P.M.**