

Bicycle Advisory Committee September 15, 2016 Minutes

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Brookings City & County Government Center with the following members present: Vice-Chair Joanie Holm (by phone), Chair-Mike Lockrem, Steve Paula, Jennifer McLaughlin, Caleb Evenson, Emily Braun, and Brittany Kleinsasser (by phone). Absent: Ben Vukovich and Steve Paula. Guests included Greta Alquist & Shaun Lopez Murphy from Toole Design Group, Lawrence Novotny, City Clerk Shari Thornes, Parks & Recreation Director Dan Brettschneider, City Engineer Jackie Lanning and Communications Specialist Laurie Carruthers.

Vice-Chair Holm called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Lockrem arrived at 5:12 pm.

A motion was made by Lockrem, seconded by Braun to approve the agenda. All present voted yes; motion carried.

PLAN OVERVIEW AND SCHEDULE

Shaun Lopez-Murphy from Toole Design Group (TDG) provided the plan overview and schedule. The Bicycle Master Plan began on July 1, 2016 and will end on March 31, 2017. On October 14, TDG will provide a 6th Street recommendation from the current findings. In January, there will be another Community Workshop and Stakeholder Meeting. In March, the City Council will review and adopt the final Bicycle Master Plan.

There are several different committees working on master plans with different timelines. The 6th Street Ad Hoc Committee is waiting on feedback specific to 6th Street and is on hold on their decision until community engagement and online survey feedback is gathered. TDG will provide a preliminary recommendation of this section, but it is difficult to provide a definitive analysis with a fast track on one specific site. The tight timeline is because the SDDOT has begun the design plans and needs to survey before the weather turns. The plan is to build in 2019.

REFLECTING ON SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TDG was impressed with energy of Brookings and surprised by the participation rates. Knowledge is key for rule of the roads and the more verbal input you receive, the more opportunity to give ideas and provide feedback. The survey and map will be open online until September 30. Everyone was delighted with numbers and surprised by how many people bike every day. The visuals and interactive posters were key to the engagement. The only group that seemed to be lacking was parents and children and questioned how to engage this demographic.

Much of the initial feedback focused on education for motorists and bicyclists and how they can work together. A recommendation for the next workshop would be to have two welcome stations for the initial flood of participants.

FOCUS AREAS FOR BROOKINGS BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Education is major focus on policy and program recommendations. A strong data analysis from what was found: where should people ride their bikes, connectivity to all major destinations, better trails, wayfinding, increasing biking and young bikers, and designated barrier bike lanes with connectivity. Educational solutions are a lower cost and easily attainable. Infrastructure solutions are more expensive and complex.

Next steps will be to develop the community engagement report. In November the BBAC will meet with TDG and review the observations. November 3 is tentatively the day for the meeting.

Thornes advised that there is a vacancy on the Committee with Kathryn Larson resigning. There will be no meeting in October. The Community Workshop will be on January 25 or 26 and possibly at the Brookings Activity Center.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.
Submitted by Laurie Carruthers