



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall
701 E. Broadway
Conference Room 1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence Simonson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: 8 - Jason Patrie, Lawrence Simonson, Karin Loftin, Ann Marie Gortmaker, Nicholas Knoth, Andrew Sommer, Frank Schmidt and Paul Lovern

Absent: 1 - Elke Boyd

Non-Voting: 1 - Janet Godon

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Staff: Mitch Skov, Leah Christian, Janet Godon, Ted Curtis

Others present: Gary Hillebrandt, Tom Grothe, Melady Cox, Channing Phillips, Megan Sanchez, KJ Thunder, Other members of press

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to move Tom Grothe's presentation to after approval of minutes: Jason Patrie

Second: Andrew Sommer

All in favor

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft August Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [DRAFT Meeting Minutes, 8-15-18.pdf](#)

Motion to approve: Jason Patrie

Second: Nick Knoth

All in favor

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORTS

Staff/Commission Reports

Mitch Skov & Leah Christian: None

Ted Curtis: Rollins connection project is moving but is delayed.

Janet Godon - Parks & Recreation:

Hinkson Creek Trail project to Clark Lane is moving forward

Public forum on October 25 from 5-7 at Rickman

There will also be a survey on line for those wanting to give feedback but cannot attend

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Recommendation Letter for CAAP

Lawrence said it is still in rough draft form and should be completed by next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Long-Range Transportation Plan

Attachments: [DRAFT 2050 City Constrained Costs for BPC Review.xlsx](#)

[LRTP City Sidewalks-Trails Projects 9-2018 for BPC Review.xlsx](#)

Mitch Skov gave overview of City long range projects for BPC review.

b. Tom Grothe, Need for St. Charles Rd. Sidewalk

Grothe spoke about connectivity and safety issues in regards to trail access point for Hominy Creek Trail on St Charles rd.

Janet Godon stated that Parks wrote a grant for a sidewalk and better trail access but did not get the funding.

Lawrence Simonson asked Tom if he has brought the issue to his councilperson
Tom responded that yes he has brought the issue to Karl Skala through discussion and letter but has not received a response.

Lawrence asked if this section of road is on the sidewalk master plan. Mitch and Leah replied that it is not a priority 1 or 2. Mitch stated that it was once on the CIP as a complete street project, but no longer is.

c. Bird Scooter Discussion

Jason Patrie commented that they can be a valuable and popular alternative mode of transportation as long as they are executed correctly.

Frank Schmidt stated that he believes they are a safety hazard for both the riders and others.

Paul Lovern stated that he agrees with Frank Schmidt that they are inherently dangerous, especially when on the sidewalks. Since they are presented on the sidewalks it helps to encourage people to ride them on a sidewalk.

Ted Curtis stated that they seem to be popular in lower socio-economic areas of the city when bike programs have not worked in the past.

General discussion on how to incorporate Birds into our local community.

Jason Patrie motioned to table the discussion and Nick Knoth seconded, all in favor.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Adidi - International student who feels that the Bird scooters are great for students who

came here without transportation. Bird scooters have served an underserved population and are very useful for people who need them.

KJ Thunder - The bus is very hard to use and the app is not very good so she decided to use Birds because it was an actual option. While she likes the bus they are increasingly unreliable and un- useable. Buses do not offer flexibility. Likes Birds for two reasons; first there is a lot of communication from Bird to the users through the internet. Second, they are bringing money into town by creating jobs (Bird watchers and mechanics).

Gary Hillebrandt - Bird could be an elegant solution for first/last mile transportation. Believes we need to toughen up education on operation of scooters and safety. If we can get behind it as a community it could be very valuable for Columbia and we should give it a chance.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday October 17th at 7:00PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Frank Schmidt
Second Nick Knoth, All in Favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.

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