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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

February 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Conference RM A, 281 N. College, Fort Collins, CO

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Luke Caldwell
Vice-Chair:	Aaron Buckley
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Gregor

970-416-2471

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Karl Ayers, Transportation Board
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Marcia Patton-Mallory, At Large Member
Becky Cramer, At Large Member
Annie Krieg, At Large Member
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Nick Heimann
Paul Sizemore
Aaron Iverson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Ms. Gloughlan

ABSENT:

Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Gloughlan introduced herself as a sophomore at CSU enrolled in a public policy course and is required to attend public meetings.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patton-Mallory made a motion, seconded by Buckley, to approve the January 2019 minutes as written. The motion was adopted unanimously with Henderson abstaining.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Caldwell stated he and his family will be moving to Hawaii in June and Bob Mann from the Natural Resources Advisory Board will be the new BAC member from the Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Transportation Equity Team – Nick Heimann

Heimann stated he and Amanda Mansfield co-lead the Transportation Equity Team. He discussed the Social Sustainability program which has the goal of creating an environment where residents and visitors feel welcome, safe, and valued and the work is driven by four sub-committees of the Equity and Inclusion Committee: the LGBTQ+ Committee, Education and Tools, Public Participation, and Transportation Equity.

Heimann detailed the work of each sub-committee and noted the City's Boards and Commissions are disproportionately comprised of white individuals and City Council has made diversity a goal of future recruitment.

Heimann stated the Transportation Equity Team is made of 15 members, with 10 being very active. He stated the Team's focus in 2018 was to examine the update to the Transportation Master Plan with a heavy focus on transportation equity. He discussed the Team's 2019 work plan, which is still being developed, and mentioned the national resource of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity.

Heimann discussed the replacement of the phrase "vulnerable populations" with "historically marginalized and under-resourced populations" and mentioned the prioritization of weighting projects through an equity lens.

Chair Caldwell asked if this could be used to evaluate a proposed project. Heimann replied that is a good example of how the prioritizations can be used.

Patton-Mallory commented the change in language from "vulnerable populations" does not seem positive. Heimann replied the new language does not reference inherent negative issues but rather references historic inequities that can be improved.

b. City Plan – Aaron Iverson

Iverson noted City Plan is the overarching umbrella for the City's Comprehensive Plan, or Land Use Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, and the Transit Master

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Plan, which is new to the organization. He encouraged Committee members to provide written feedback on the City Plan website.

Iverson noted the City has received feedback it is on the right course; therefore, many of the general themes are continuing. He stated the principles and policies have been simplified and discussed the integration of the Transportation Master Plan as a chapter of City Plan.

Iverson noted housing access, choice, and affordability are large parts of the plan as are new technologies such as Uber, Lyft, autonomous vehicles, and E-scooters. Additionally, high-frequency transit is a key component as is alignment with the Climate Action Plan.

Iverson went on to discuss the 6 chapters of City Plan, which focus on three key areas: livability, community, and sustainability. He detailed transit aspects which include future high-frequency transit on West Elizabeth, North College, and the Harmony corridor, and detailed the Transportation Master Plan chapter.

Iverson discussed high-priority action items which include an ongoing dialogue on housing choices, the East Mulberry Corridor Plan, and various Code amendments to support the Plan's goals.

Iverson stated the Transportation Board voted preliminarily to support the Plan but may also hold a special meeting depending on changes to the draft.

Ayers stated the Transportation Board has requested a letter from the BAC indicating its position.

Chair Caldwell supported greater emphasis on different transportation options and increased bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety. He commented on stagnant and declining revenue sources noting transportation improvements are costly. Iverson replied the discussion has been around multiple funding sources including federal, state, and local.

Chair Caldwell commented on the importance of having better connections with regional partners to provide commuting options.

Cranmer suggested the Committee may want to place an emphasis on bicycle-related items.

Chair Caldwell stated he would suggest the BAC is supportive of the guiding document and supports increased mobility and safety.

Iverson directed Committee members to the online resource for City Plan.

Chair Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Patton-Mallory, that the BAC should write a recommendation supporting the City Plan and its sub-plans with a general focus on bicycle infrastructure and safety. The motion was adopted unanimously.

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Chair Caldwell requested Committee members send him feedback to incorporate into the letter by March 6th.

c. Montava Development and Transportation Overview – Aaron Iverson

Iverson discussed the Montava project area stating it is 900 acres and is described as an agri-urban community within the Mountain Vista Sub-area. The project includes just over 4,000 units, a proposed city park, new school site, urban farm, and commercial development. He stated the approval process has been slightly delayed due to the need to work out certain details.

Cranmer asked if the project has an affordable housing aspect. Iverson replied there is some commitment from the developer, but those details have yet to be determined.

Patton-Mallory asked if the developer is responsible for roadway improvements. Iverson replied in the affirmative.

Iverson discussed the proposed changes to the Master Street Plan that are part of the project.

Cranmer asked who is driving this process. Sizemore replied the development application has initiated the conversation but the timing with City Plan has been helpful.

Iverson discussed traffic estimates for the project. Patton-Mallory asked if Wellington traffic is considered in the estimates. Iverson replied in the affirmative noting background traffic is included in the modeling.

Chair Caldwell expressed concern there is not adequate bicycle or other non-car connections to downtown to incentivize bicycling.

Committee members discussed the desire to see a bicycle master plan for the project.

Iverson stated he will pass comments on to the Montava team and planning staff.

Cramer commented on empty retail in the center of town and expressed concern too much commercial use could be a concern.

Ayers questioned whether the neighborhood is incentivizing the area as one to both work and live.

Cranmer stated the key connection should be to downtown.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – Ayers

Ayers reported the Transportation Board heard a presentation on engineering

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projects noting the North College bike and pedestrian improvements should be completed by summer. Additionally, CDOT is working on including a bike lane on Vine over I-25, the Magnolia and Shields intersection design is being completed, a crosswalk is being installed on Linden by New Belgium, and updates on the Power Trail crossing at Harmony are forthcoming. Ayers stated the Board received an update on the Willow Street project as well.

b. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chair Caldwell reported the NRAB has been discussing outdoor burning, parks refreshing, and City Plan.

Cramer asked what occurs when community members express comments or concerns at meetings. Chair Caldwell replied he had a discussion with Gregor following the previous meeting. Members discussed Mr. Lemburg's concerns from the previous meeting.

Buckley reported the Bicycle Co-op had 19 board applicants and just resubmitted its Bicycle-Friendly Business League application for renewal at a platinum level.

Henderson announced the Lucky's Market opening March 6th and associated fundraising opportunity for the Safe Routes to School program. He also announced the Tour de Pie event on March 14th at Ginger and Baker.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Report

Heimann stated the first reading of the E-bike pilot project will go to Council on March 5th and, if approved, would go into effect May 1st.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM by unanimous consent.