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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

April 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room, 281 N. College Ave., Fort Collins, CO

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Aaron Buckley	
Vice-Chair:	To Be Filled	
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Greemor	970-416-2471

1. CALL TO ORDER

Patton-Mallory (sub for Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Mann, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Karl Ayers, Transportation Board
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Marcia Patton-Mallory, At Large Member
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board
Mike Webber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board
Becky Cramer, At Large Member

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Heidi Wagner
Jennifer Roberts
Jamie Gaskill
Tessa Greemor
Paul Sizemore

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

ABSENT:

Aaron Buckley, Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board
Annie Krieg, At Large Member
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins

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3. AGENDA REVIEW

Acting Chair Patton-Mallory stated there were no changes to the published agenda.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hunt made a motion, seconded by Ayers, to approve the March minutes as amended to change a name in the Boardmember Reports section. The motion was adopted unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Patton-Mallory stated Dangerfield did not want to be Vice Chair; therefore, the Committee will vote in May. She requested interested parties contact Chair Buckley.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Foothills Management Plan – Natural Areas – Heidi Wagner, Jennifer Roberts

Roberts, Project Manager, discussed the unique habitat of the foothills area. She stated the Natural Areas that are in the foothills area are Reservoir Ridge, Maxwell, Pineridge, and Coyote Ridge.

Roberts discussed grass restoration projects and additional land acquisitions made since the previous Foothills Management Plan was adopted. She stated there has been a three-fold increase in visitor use for these Natural Areas in the last ten years. She discussed visitor intercept surveys that occurred in 2017 and 2018 regarding perceived crowding and visitor satisfaction. Nearly all respondents rated their perceived quality of experience as excellent and, in general, visitors were not feeling crowded.

Roberts stated the goals for the Foothills Natural Areas are: to promote ecological integrity, provide responsible public access, and connect people to nature. She outlined the impact and decision framework that is being used. The framework includes four categories: ecological, cultural, visitor, stakeholder and community considerations, and Natural Areas considerations, and its implementation provides rationale for decisions made.

Roberts discussed trails and public outreach efforts, including an online survey.

Hunt asked if staff had met with the Overland Mountain Bike Club. Roberts replied staff met with the Board in March and are looking at many of their suggestions.

Dangerfield stated he has noticed a great deal of overflow parking on the county

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road right outside Maxwell which is problematic because they are taking up bike lane and shoulder space. Wagner replied there are several areas where that is occurring, and she was unsure how the County is enforcing no parking areas and why they have not posted signs.

Cranmer discussed conflict issues with some of the trail users stating dangerous situations can occur.

Hunt suggested possibly designating various user priorities for different trails.

Webber asked about the survey methodology. Roberts replied surveys were given at randomly chosen locations and randomly chosen times between 7 AM and 3:30 PM on both weekdays and weekends to correlate with the highest use times.

Wagner stated areas in Jefferson County and Boulder utilize alternating day schedules for user groups and it has been well-received. She noted the messaging would take some time and survey respondents have not been supportive of the idea.

Cramer asked about parking at Maxwell given the new development at the stadium site. Wagner replied conceptual plans show a public parking area where the old stadium was located; however, there are no plans to expand the Maxwell lot.

Tupa asked if sensitivity to the landscape and appreciation of the environment is part of the overall management plan. Wagner replied that is the crux of what is considered all the time. She noted appreciation can only occur for what is known.

b. Bicycle Education and Outreach Update – Jamie Gaskill

Gaskill, FC Bikes, discussed the Bicycle Ambassador Program and participation in the Program. She detailed the educational programming noting FC Bikes will partner with any group to provide education.

Gaskill reviewed the Bicycle Friendly Driver Program which was built in response to bicyclists' deaths in the community. She stated the curriculum has been lauded nationally and accepted by major organizations to be included in their programming. She noted every Transfort and Poudre School District bus driver has gone through the program.

Cranmer asked how ongoing training for bus drivers works. Gaskill replied it is part of the new driver orientation for Transfort and that is being discussed with the School District. She stated the training likely needs to be presented every few years anyway.

Gaskill discussed the Ride Smart, Drive Smart Program which involves Police Services. She discussed the old SWAT van that has been reconfigured to be a mobile bicycle education vehicle. She stated all patrol officers have participated in the Bicycle Friendly Driver program.

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Gaskill discussed the Walk and Wheels Skills Hub and CSU Moves which helps to educate incoming CSU students on safe riding in the community.

Gaskill discussed becoming a coach with the League of American Bicyclists in 2018 noting she is one of 23 in the country.

Gaskill detailed the Big Jump Program in Council district 6 which is aiming to increase ridership. Bicycle maintenance safety checks will be occurring in the area Saturday with volunteer representatives from local bike shops. The event will also include food trucks and other activities. Gaskill discussed a pilot family bike night at Bauder Elementary School, which is within the Big Jump area. She stated it involved Bicycle Friendly Driver training for adults as well as bicycle training for all.

Cramer asked if additional family bike nights are planned. Gaskill replied that is the plan.

Gaskill discussed her team's work with the Climate Action team and new high school education efforts. She stated the Bicycle Ambassadors will be very involved with the E-bikes on trails pilot.

Gaskill discussed the results of class participant surveys.

c. **BAC Member Discussion – Future Topics**

Gregor provided a list of items the Committee has identified it would like to discuss and requested input as to additional topics and overall themes.

Committee members discussed having an additional E-bike demo, studying the Bicycle Master Plan, Budgeting for Outcomes, parks trails policy, bicycle pilot programs, neighboring communities' progress with bicycling infrastructure, and a group bicycle ride among others.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

a. **TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – Ayers**

Ayers reported the Transportation Board received updates on the proposed Halligan Reservoir project, the Pedestrian Program system and the 2018 bicycle and pedestrian counts.

b. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Hunt reported on Poudre School District's bike rodeos and after school bike and pedestrian clubs.

Mann noted City Council just approved the intergovernmental agreement regarding the regional watershed plan.

Dangerfield reported on the DDA and Russell Mills Studios winning an award for the alley program.

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Webber stated the Foothills Plan and Montava have been discussed at the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board meetings.

Tupa reported on recent discussions at the Parks and Recreation Board meetings and the groundbreaking at Sugar Beet Park. Committee members discussed parking issues at Twin Silos Park.

Cramer reported on Bike to Breakfast for Earth Week.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Report

Gregor reported Council adopted the E-bike ordinance on Tuesday and she discussed preliminary data collection efforts.

Sizemore reported Council adopted City Plan on Tuesday as well.

Gregor asked about rescheduling the May meeting to the 20th. Committee members agreed that was acceptable.

Committee members discussed state legislation around E-scooters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM by unanimous consent.