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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

May 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room, 215 North Mason Street, Fort Collins, CO

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Aaron Buckley	
Vice-Chair:	Marcia Patton-Mallory	
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Gregor	970-416-2471

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Aaron Buckley, Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op

Karl Ayers, Transportation Board

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Marcia Patton-Mallory, At Large Member

Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

Mike Webber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Sizemore

Tessa Gregor

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

ABSENT:

Bob Mann, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Chris Hunt, Poudre School District

Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board

Annie Krieg, At Large Member

Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins

Becky Cramer, At Large Member

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3. AGENDA REVIEW

Patton-Mallory suggested reviewing the list of meeting topics.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dangerfield made a motion, seconded by Ayers, to adopt the minutes as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dangerfield suggested discussing the Mountain Avenue complete street design, which was listed as one of the possible meeting topics. Greegor suggested discussing that in the fall as funding is set for next year.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Climate Action Plan Update - Paul Sizemore

Sizemore stated this update references the Climate Action Plan, Energy Policy, and Road to Zero Waste. He stated the three goals of the existing Climate Action Plan were adopted in 2015: to hit a 20% reduction below baseline greenhouse gas emissions, which was set in 2005, by 2020, to be 80% below that same baseline by 2030, and to be carbon neutral by 2050. He stated the last inventory, in 2017, showed a 17% reduction; therefore, there is 3% remaining to meet the 2020 goal.

Sizemore stated a quarter of the community's greenhouse gas emissions come from ground travel, which will need to be affected in order to meet the 2030 and 2050 goals.

Sizemore discussed the framework plan and strategies adopted in 2015, stating the main one around transportation relates to land uses, buildings, and the built environment, including smart growth in new development and applying smart growth principles in redevelopment and complete streets. Technology and shared economy also played a big part in the plan as did corporate engagement, travel demand strategies, and general transit, bike, and pedestrian expansion.

Sizemore discussed the questions this update process seeks to answer and stated the process will likely run from mid-2019 through the end of 2020.

Ayers asked if there is data on electricity usage since the new fee structure went into place. Sizemore replied he would return with that information.

Patton-Mallory stated she would like to receive metrics on what difference the time

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of day rates have made in other communities.

Cranmer stated the data from Fort Collins may be more useful after a full year cycle and suggested Sizemore provide information on what 'carbon neutral' means and its benefits as some residents will want to see how they personally will benefit. She noted money savings is a large motivator.

Sizemore stated those types of initiatives are part of the upcoming shift campaign to promote individual benefits.

Tupa commented on the impact of uncontrollable drive-through traffic and wind-blown oil and gas drilling pollution. Sizemore replied regional solutions and climate economy issues will be important.

Chair Buckley stated he was encouraged to see transportation demand management included and stated making everyone aware of their options and determining perceived or real barriers are key pieces of that.

Patton-Mallory discussed the importance of resilience and adaptation, particularly as it relates to the Poudre River flooding and drought due to our climate.

Cranmer suggested capitalizing on the momentum of the public outreach successes of the City Plan update and providing citizens and existing Climate Wise customers information about their individual baselines and ways to help improve their impact.

Ayers suggested possibly buying advertising screen time at movie theaters to provide facts about reducing carbon footprints.

Tupa suggested there needs to be a planning switch in terms of providing more locally-based shopping opportunities.

Sizemore stated he will return to the Board with frequent updates.

b. 2019 Bike Projects Design Update – Tessa Gregor

Gregor discussed the West Vine Drive improvements which include a connection to Irish Elementary School, the Poudre River spur trail and street connections.

Gregor noted Vine is in the floodplain which limits what can be done with the roadway; however, plans include providing a protected asphalt shared use path on the south side of Vine, an enhanced crossing at Lancer Drive, and possibly a protected bike lane on the north side of Vine if room allows.

Cranmer asked if there is a connection from Poudre High School to Lincoln Middle School and Irish Elementary School stating that would be a nice connection. Gregor replied that is not an existing connection but it could potentially be done with a future development proposal.

Webber asked if the two-way path on the south side of Vine may be confusing for

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middle school students. Greeger replied that is a possibility; however, signage and wayfinding will attempt to make that very clear.

Patton-Mallory asked if there have been issues with snowplows and the raised protected bike lane on Mulberry. Greeger replied the rails have been a bit more problematic due to the freeze/thaw cycles and snow getting stuck under the rails.

Greeger stated outreach is planned for the June Open Streets event.

Greeger stated the design work for Laporte Avenue from Sunset to Fishback is set for this year; it will include bicycle and pedestrian connections and crossings and updates to two deficient bridges.

Greeger discussed the design for the Laporte and Loomis intersection and stated the project is expected to start July 5th and be completed by the end of August. Committee members discussed various bicycle and vehicular movements at the intersection and commented on the design.

c. Blue Zones 'Made to Move' Grant Application Letter of Support – Tessa Greeger

Greeger stated this is a joint grant program between Degree deodorant and the Blue Zones initiative that focuses on active transportation and living fuller lives. Five \$100,000 grants will be awarded to mid-size communities and each recipient will also receive some technical assistance.

Greeger discussed the goals of the grant project and stated staff is proposing to pursue the development of a Vision Zero action plan to focus on eliminating serious injuries and traffic fatalities with the idea that crashes are preventable. Greeger stated the first part of the grant phase will help determine stakeholders and will bring together a multi-disciplinary team to develop a Vision Zero action plan.

Greeger discussed current crash injury and fatality data noting bicyclists make up 20% of serious injury crashes. She also noted the Vision Zero action plan would focus on all modes but with a focus on vulnerable users.

Greeger provided a draft letter template that would show the Bicycle Advisory Committee's support of staff pursuing the grant. She stated the Committee would likely be very involved in the process if the grant was received.

Patton-Mallory made a motion, seconded by Dangerfield, to draft a letter of support and commit to engagement throughout the process. The motion was adopted unanimously.

d. Vice Chair Elections – All

Patton-Mallory stated she would be willing to serve as the Vice Chair as she values keeping meetings running in a timely fashion and ensuring others she is listening.

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The Committee unanimously voted to elect Patton-Mallory as Vice Chair.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Buckley provided a memo on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women which is a United Nations treaty that was not ratified by the United States. He stated the Fort Collins Women's Commission is seeking letters of support for the treaty and suggested he write a draft support letter and bring it back before the Committee.

Patton-Mallory stated next steps may include Council adopting a resolution of support to make Fort Collins one of the several Colorado cities doing the same.

Committee members discussed the City's goals related to increasing women riding bicycles.

Patton-Mallory made a motion, seconded by Dangerfield, to draft a letter to the Transportation Board in support of the memo as described by the Fort Collins Women's Commission. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Chair Buckley stated the search for an executive director of Bike Fort Collins is nearing its end; therefore, Henderson was not able to attend this meeting. He also reported on the Bike Co-op meeting, new covered bike parking at CSU, and recent CSU Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.

Tupa reported on the recent Parks and Recreation Board meeting about City Park revisions and water conservation plans. He also stated there is no signage for parking at Twin Silo Park and that should be changing shortly.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Transportation Board Report

Ayers reported the Transportation Board received an update on trail projects, noting the Power Trail at Spring Creek is complete. He discussed another Board member's negative experience with E-scooters at a recent Rockies game.

b. Staff Liaison Report

Greegor announced the upcoming Open Streets event and encouraged members to participate in the National Bike Challenge.

Sizemore reported Laurie Kadrach, the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation, has taken a job with Larimer County and Dean Klingner will fill that position in the interim.

c. Call for Agenda Items

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM by unanimous consent.