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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

June 25, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Conference Rm A, 281 N. College Ave, 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 York, Transportation Board (filling in for Karl Ayers)
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Marsha Patton-Mallory, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board
Kelly Smith, Parks and Recreation Board
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board
Annie Krieg, At Large Member

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Oakes
Tessa Gregor
Paul Sizemore

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

ABSENT:

Terri Marty, At Large Member
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Karl Ayers, Transportation Board

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

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4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dangerfield made a motion, seconded by Buckley, to approve the minutes of the May 2018 meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously with one abstaining.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

2018 Trail Projects Update – Greg Oakes

Oakes provided an update on the Longview Trail, which is a joint effort with Larimer County and the City of Loveland. He stated the trail should be complete by the second week in July, weather permitting, and there will be an opening ceremony August 15th.

Boardmembers suggested the placement of a counter on the trail and an eventual survey of riders to garner information on destinations.

Oakes reported a contractor has been selected for the Fossil Creek Trail from Shields to College, and that project will begin July 9th with an estimated completion time of November. Oakes briefly discussed the Art in Public Places projects associated with the Trail.

Oakes showed a brief flyover video and photos of the new Longview Trail.

E-Bike Pilot Program Outline – Greegor

Greegor stated the Transportation Board will hear this item in August and any Code changes would need to go before Council. She discussed the E-bike survey results from the Open Streets event which showed most respondents were in support of an E-bike pilot program.

Greegor stated staff has suggested the pilot apply to all trails for Class 1 and Class 2 E-bikes, but not electric scooters or skateboards. The pilot is recommended to last one year.

Cranmer asked how users are expected to know E-bikes are not currently allowed on trails. Boardmembers replied there are some written trail materials and signs. It was suggested that bike shops provide handouts for purchasers or members of the public.

Greegor stated the scope of the pilot program will include trail education, an etiquette campaign, and data collection and analysis. She detailed the proposed data collection measures. York suggested emergency services personnel should be educated as to how to report crashes on E-bikes versus regular bikes and suggested noise monitoring.

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Boardmembers discussed how success should be defined.

Patton-Mallory suggested a Coloradoan article on the pilot be published. Greegor stated staff has suggested direct signage outreach along trails as well.

Cranmer asked how staff will determine whether to continue E-bike use after the year pilot study. Boardmembers discussed the number of users required to create a valid pilot study.

Greegor confirmed this outline will go before the Transportation Board as the next step.

Netherlands Bike Study Tour – Greegor

Greegor reported on the Netherlands trip funded by People for Bikes. She stated the Mayor, City Manager, Traffic Engineer, and she attended the trip with representatives from other Big Jump cities. She showed slides of the trip and discussed the overall experience detailing the bicycle experience in various cities. Boardmembers noticed bicycle helmets are not widely worn.

Greegor pointed out multi-level bike parking structures, modal separation such as protected bike lanes, and two-way bicycle roundabouts. She stated the Netherlands does not have bike share programs similar to that in Fort Collins; however, they do have bike share/rental programs tied to their transit system for residents.

Greegor stated there is an app bicyclists can download that speaks to traffic signals allowing them to change as cyclists approach.

Greegor indicated there were charging stations for e-bikes. There did not seem to be any conflicts with pedal bikes / e-bikes. The bigger issue observed was the use of scooters in bike lanes, which was on the rise.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – York (filling in for Ayers)

York reported the Transportation Board has requested the BAC reevaluate its position on the stop as yield law for bicyclists in light of the state regulations changing. He stated the Board received the trails update and discussed BFO offers.

Chair Caldwell stated Parks Planning staff did recognize multi-purpose uses of the trails, including commuting. He noted one of their concerns with including E-bikes on the trails is one of capacity, which is a fundamental issue. Their charge and goal at this point is to finish out the trail system rather than widen and improve existing trails.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Buckley reported he will be helping to host the CSU Bike to Work Day station.

Houdashelt reported the Air Quality Advisory Board received an update on the Climate Action Plan.

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Dangerfield reported the two-tiered bike rack, funded by Blue Credit Union, has been installed downtown and showed photos.

Patton-Mallory reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board discussed Poudre River restoration work across from Fort Collins Nursery.

Smith reported the Parks and Recreation Board discussed BFO offers and the City Park refresh project, which is now on hold.

Henderson reported Bike Fort Collins had its Hickory Street celebration and will be providing a Bike to Work Day station at the Lyric Cinema and a Bike from Work Day celebration at O'Dell Brewery.

Cranmer reported CSU received a presentation on the new transportation and bicycle module to be implemented for all incoming students. She also reported The Spoke has been shut down since the last hail storm.

Henderson reported on the Rams Ride Right campaign.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Staff Report

Greegor announced Bike to Work Day on Wednesday and stated there will be 65 breakfast stations around town with some additional afternoon activities. She stated the main work on the Mulberry protected bike lane will begin in late July and reported the last Open Streets event was quite successful.

Sizemore provided an update on Lory Beynon's health and upcoming recovery.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM by unanimous consent.