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BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TYPE OF MEETING –REGULAR

July 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting, 281 North College and via Zoom

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Jordan Williams
Vice-Chair:	Jerry Gavaldon
Staff Liaison:	Cortney Geary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jordan Williams, Chair, At Large Member

Mike Weber, Land Conservation and Stewardship Board

Whitney Allison, At Large Member

Dave Dixon, Bike Fort Collins

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Katherine Chu, At Large Member

York, Transportation Board

Greg Wells, Senior Advisory Board

Ed Peyronnin, Colorado State University

Campus Bicycle Advisory Committee
(arrived late)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Cortney Geary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

ABSENT:

Rick Arneson, Bike Fort Collins

Ben Mayer, Poudre School District

Jason Miller, Air Quality Advisory Board

Jerry Gavaldon, Vice Chair, Transportation Board

Kevin Krause, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Mike Tupa, Parks and Recreation Board

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3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Williams reviewed the agenda.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 2021

Chair Williams noted he made two additions to the minutes related to thanking Aaron Buckley for his service on the Committee and to include a comment from Allison about changing the benchmark for when people are being targeted with legal action.

Dangerfield made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of the June 2021 meeting as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously.

(**Secretary's Note: Peyronnin arrived at this point in the meeting.)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Bike Fort Collins Presentation Follow-up from June

Chair Williams requested any updates from Dixon, specifically regarding the potential for a road diet at Prospect and Riverside. Dixon replied he does not have any specific updates on that road section; however, he noted Geary reached out to the Parks Department regarding the Mulberry bike lane maintenance and overhanging vegetation issues. Geary noted Parks staff has stated they will address that and stated the staff in charge of the City Park envisioning effort do not have any specific plans for changing on-street parking next to the bike lane on Mulberry.

Regarding Prospect and Riverside, Geary noted there is an upcoming webinar with counterparts from the Netherlands and that intersection could potentially be explored as part of a test project for a redesign.

Dixon stated he was encouraged there may be some interest from a planning perspective in a Prospect and Riverside redesign. York noted other issues and limitations have always been a concern at that intersection, including the truck route and nearby railroad tracks.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. BFO FC Moves Staff Priorities and Goals – Cortney Geary

Geary stated the goal of this item is to present FC Moves specific budget offers to allow the Committee time to discuss and take any action in terms of recommendations to the Transportation Board.

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She outlined the FC Moves offers, starting with ongoing offers which provide a continuation of existing levels of service and core programs, including the overall FC Moves mobility management, the Safe Routes to School program, the Active Modes program, FC Moves education and encouragement for adults, and the school crossing guard program.

Chair Williams commented on perhaps finding a more unique name for the adult education programming.

York asked if there is an ongoing offer for how to develop the infrastructure for active modes. Geary replied the Bicycle Plan falls under the active modes team and an update to combine that plan with the Pedestrian Plan into an Active Modes Plan is currently underway. She stated that Plan will focus primarily on on-street bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in addition to a suite of policies and programs that will be needed to support active modes of transportation. She stated connections to the off-street paved trails will be included; however, those off-street trails are typically managed by the Parks Department through the Paved Trails Master Plan. She stated the Parks Department does not currently have the funding to integrate that Plan into the Active Modes Plan.

York commented on Parks looking at off-street paved trails from a recreation perspective; however, getting people to use human-powered modes for transportation purposes must include quicker and easier routes and infrastructure. Geary suggested there will an opportunity to point out that gap exists throughout the Active Modes Plan update.

Geary commented on dedicated funding for capital projects from the CCIP fund and went on to outline the next category of budget offers, enhancements, which represent any offer that provides an increased level of service. She noted the Fort Collins travel survey is requesting one-time funding as it currently occurs only every four or so years. Geary provided information on other enhancement offers including school traffic safety assessments and strategic infrastructure and increasing the Safe Routes to School staff member to a 0.75 FTE. She also outlined restore offers.

Dangerfield asked about projected sales tax revenues post-COVID. Geary replied the projections are better than expected and noted the budget team will be examining which projects could be eligible for ARP funding thereby allowing additional funding for other projects.

Members discussed the best way to share support of budget items with the Transportation Board and further to Council. Additionally, members discussed specific offers and needs for bicycle infrastructure throughout town.

York commented on the bridge program and associated budget offer. He also noted the Transportation Board has expressed support for funding all restore offers

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and requested the BAC provide some type of prioritization with its recommendations.

Chair Williams noted the BAC has expressed support for restoring street sweeping funding and for funding the travel survey. York stated he believed the travel survey would be a high priority for the Transportation Board as well.

Chair Williams commented on his desire to see the ‘Shift Your Ride’ occur and stated the data from the travel survey will be valuable for that effort.

Dixon asked if BFO offers are considered ‘all or nothing’ or if partial offers are considered. Geary replied there are sections to the offers wherein the author can indicate whether they can be scaled up or down.

Dixon asked if the ‘Shift Your Ride’ offer had any scalability. Geary replied the scaling in the offer was to not do the plan but just hire the professional who would be responsible for management of the program.

8. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Weber reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board discussed an updated oil and gas memo regarding restrictions on County property and how that relates to City property and natural areas. Additionally, the Board received an update on the Bobcat Ridge restoration and discussed Board succession.

York discussed the recent Planning and Zoning Commission worksession and suggested members look at the Land Use Code and provide any suggestions for how to make it more bicycle or human-powered transportation friendly.

Dixon announced this weekend’s FoCo Fondo event and noted proceeds go to the Safe Routes to School program.

Wells reported on the format of the Senior Advisory Board meetings and noted there have been discussions around E-bikes on trails and their potential speeds.

York stated feedback from the senior community related to their impressions of trail usage, vehicle type, speeds, transportation versus recreation, etc. would be helpful in setting priorities moving forward.

Wells discussed a personal experience with individuals on E-bikes on trails who were not handling them appropriately.

Geary noted the new E-bike/E-scooter share program will launch at the end of the month.

York suggested Wells also garner feedback regarding E-skateboards and other electronic modes.

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9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Transportation Board Report**
- b. **Staff Liaison Report**

Geary reported there is an offer contingent on the contract with Toole Design Group for the Active Modes Plan.

Peyronnin asked where the E-bikes and E-scooters will be parked. Geary replied there will be parking groupings where the vehicles will be deployed initially, heavily concentrated around CSU and downtown but with a focus on equity and having E-bikes only near trails; however, it is a dockless system and vehicles will be collected and redeployed as necessary. She commented on the geofencing capabilities of the vehicles and the associated warnings provided to riders related to no-ride zones.

Chair Williams asked about the possibility of a physical check-out location. Geary replied that was a possibility and staff wanted that particularly for adaptive devices; however, Spin has integrated an option into its program which allows people to call and check out an adaptive bike which will be delivered to them.

York asked if an equity issue is created in that the use of an app is required and not everyone has a smart phone. Geary replied text messaging is an option and there are also options to pay without a credit card.

Dixon noted Bike Fort Collins was originally engaged to bring forth an adaptive program and the Bike Library; however, with the Spin program, that service was deemed cost prohibitive and in direct competition with Spin. He noted Bike Fort Collins will be working on some grassroots educational events and suggested E-bike education may be a good first focus.

York suggested education efforts should include knowledge about the difference between the E-bike classes as he has been seeing more class 3 E-bikes on trails, which are not allowed.

Members discussed the evolution of E-bikes and their classes.

Chair Williams noted the main regulation should be trail speed limits. York suggested having rangers monitor with a radar gun occasionally which may help correct behaviors.

- c. **Future Agenda Items**

Dixon commented on his suggestions of the following items for future agendas. He questioned whether the BAC has bylaws. He also commented on benefits of a Traffic Operations presentation and learning how the traffic system is set up and why timing is as it is on certain stop lights. He suggested having a meeting at the facility could be beneficial.

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Members had a discussion about the triggering and cycling of traffic lights.

Geary noted the Code states the BAC can create its own bylaws; however, that has not yet occurred so the Committee is operated under the Boards and Commissions manual.

- **BAC Charter/Ordinance and Mission/Purpose**
- **Traffic Operations Presentation**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Peyronnin made a motion, seconded by Weber, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM by unanimous consent.