

**MINUTES
of the
CITY OF FORT COLLINS BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

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

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair:	Luke Caldwell	
Vice-Chair:	Aaron Buckley	
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Greegor	970-416-2471

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources
Advisory Board**

Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Joe Piesman, Land Conservation and Stewardship
Board

Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources Advisory
Board

Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board

York, Transportation Board
Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Annie Krieg, At Large Member
Michelle LaCrosse, Bike Fort Collins (alternate)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Tessa Greegor
Suzanne Bassinger

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

ABSENT:

Chris Johnson, Bike Fort Collins
Bruce Henderson, Parks and Recreation Board
(alternate)
Annabelle Berklund, Transportation Board
(alternate)
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board
Terri Marty, At Large Member
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development
Authority
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Buckley noted the Oval Bike to Work Day station was actually sponsored by CSU, not the Co-op as originally reported in the minutes.

Piesman made a motion, seconded by Houdashelt, to approve the minutes of the June 2017 meeting as amended. The amended minutes were adopted unanimously.

5. FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

None.

6. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – York

York reported on the recent Transportation Board meeting during which the North Front Range MPO made a presentation regarding its non-motorized plan, Christine Macrina made a presentation on the volunteer hour tracking software, and Kurt Ravenschlag made a presentation on Transfort. The Board's 2018 Work Plan was also discussed.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Hunt reported on the daily rides he does and noted many more riders are wearing helmets. He stated walk signal timing has increased which is very helpful for group crossings.

Buckley announced a Battle of the Bands event at Avogadro's Number August 6th which will benefit the Co-op, Bike Fort Collins, Overland's and Cyclismo. Additionally, he announced the open house for the Co-op on September 23rd. He discussed a new app, Ride Report, which tracks bicycle rides automatically.

Piesman stated the Natural Areas Department presented the Fossil Creek Management Plan update to the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board. This includes the Longview Trail which will connect with Loveland and the desire for a potential trail connection that would connect Coyote Ridge to Cathy Fromme; however, habitat concerns were brought up.

Adams stated the Parks and Recreation Board received the same presentation.

LaCrosse announced the Tour de Farm event on August 19th. Adams discussed the Urban Homestead ride which is similar.

Houdashelt stated the Air Quality Advisory Board discussed its Work Plan and heard an update on the Climate Action Plan and associated inventory. Additionally, the Board toured the new Utilities building.

Caldwell stated the Natural Resources Advisory Board discussed NISP and associated environmental impact work.

8. ACTION ITEMS

None.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Trails Update – Suzanne Bassinger**

Bassinger, Park Planning and Development, discussed trail construction updates, including Fossil Creek Trail between Cathy Fromme Prairie and South College which is in its design phase. The railroad underpass is complete however.

York asked if the tunnel is going to be lighted. Bassinger replied in the affirmative and stated she would research graffiti mitigation plans.

Adams asked what types of concerns rural neighbors have with the trail. Bassinger replied neighbors are concerned about livestock and trail user interaction, trash, and homeless activity. She stated neighbors will likely see some impacts; however, a safety fence will be installed.

Bassinger discussed regional trail connections including the Longview and Front Range Trails, both of which are part of the regional bicycle trail network, the Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico connection. The Longview Trail will open in 2018.

A question was raised regarding if parking lot to access the Trail will be placed on Trilby. Bassinger replied that is part of the Fossil Creek Natural Areas Master Plan.

Piesman asked how people will get across Shields to Cathy Fromme. Bassinger replied the existing underpass and sidewalk will bring users to Fossil Creek Drive and continue south on the east side of Shields Street.

Bassinger discussed the Front Range Trail, scheduled for opening in September, which is being built by Larimer County and stated the Poudre River underpass under I-25 will be her next big project. Construction will likely take place in 2020/2021 and it will connect the Arapaho Bend area to Timnath.

York suggested timing the opening of the underpass with the I-25 opening. Bassinger replied that is the goal.

Bassinger discussed the Harmony Road underpass. Greeger stated the City received a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for part of the underpass funding.

York asked what has changed since the underpass was previously deemed not viable due to utilities. Greeger replied additional analysis will address exactly how the crossing will work.

Bassinger discussed the railroad overpass to Kechter. She further detailed development-driven trail opportunities which made trail connections more affordable given financial partnerships.

Boardmembers discussed trail ridership and user classes and the importance of designing trails for all user groups.

- **Bike Projects Update – Tessa Greegor**

Greegor discussed and showed photos of the latest low-stress bike projects throughout the city, which are part of the 2020 low-stress bicycle network. She provided a background of the protected bike lane pilot project, which started on Laurel Street. The City received funding for design and construction of a second project and has considered various locations for that project, focusing primarily on the Big Jump area. Greegor discussed the characteristics of each potential location.

Currently, the initial preferred candidate is West Mulberry Street between Overland Trail and City Park. Greegor detailed the primary potential benefits for utilizing this corridor for the next pilot project and stated design would be forthcoming.

York asked what types of protection are being considered. Greegor replied that is uncertain at this point; however, it has been narrowed down slightly. Maintenance and safety issues are a concern.

A boardmember asked about City Park renovations for the southern part of the park along Mulberry and whether those might fit in with this project. Bassinger stated the primary focus is for the other side of the park near the train and conceptual design will likely occur in 2018.

Boardmembers discussed possible options for a Mulberry protected bike lane and expressed agreement the corridor is a good option for a protected lane.

Buckley made a motion, seconded by Krieg, to support moving forward with the West Mulberry corridor option for the second protected bike lane pilot project.

Adams stated she has not necessarily seen enough of the design to support the recommendation. She supported consideration of the West Vine corridor.

Greegor stated there is enough support and interest to make something happen along Vine regardless of whether or not grant funding is received.

Boardmembers discussed the differences between the two corridors and a friendly amendment to discuss them both as preferred options.

The amendment was accepted to recommend both corridors as preferred options.

Adams asked when the restriping of Mulberry will occur. Greegor replied the selection of the corridor as the pilot project would likely move that along more quickly; however, if it is not selected, the restriping may be pushed out a couple years.

The motion was approved unanimously.

- **2018 Work Plan Discussion – All**

Caldwell asked if there were any change suggestions to the Work Plan.

Adams noted the Plan was thoroughly examined last year and is well constructed.

York made a motion, seconded by Hunt, to accept the 2018 Work Plan as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously with Houdashelt abstaining.

10. REPORTS

- **Staff Report**

Gregor stated intersections will be discussed at a future meeting and announced the Skills Hub launch on August 30th from 5-7 PM.

Boardmembers discussed the new volunteer tracking system, Engage.

11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by unanimous consent.