

Meeting Summary
City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
SPARC and Go, 320 South Main Street in Historic District

- I. Call to Order - The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:04 p.m. at SPARC and Go, 320 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Janet Irvin, Chair. Members present were Janet Irvin, John Davies, John Nelson, and Candi Morris. Dave Ciesko was absent. Dan Boron, Staff Liaison, was also present.
- II. Approval of Meeting Summary – January 28, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Davies motioned to approve the January 28, 2019 Meeting Summary as amended, with possible changed to possibly on page one. Ms. Morris seconded. (4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain - motion carries)
- III. Programs & Initiatives
 - A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update – Norm Cox, The Greenway Collaborative, Inc., joined the meeting by conference call to review the plan update proposal. This item is on the City Council agenda for Thursday night for adoption. Mr. Boron commented that Mr. Cox is also available to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Cox gave a brief summary and said that a lot has changed since the previous plan was finished in 2013, including national guidelines, development in and around the City. He said the old plan reflected the priorities of the community at that time, and there is a desire to focus on some new elements. He said the same process approach that was used before would be used again. He said there will be a kick-off on April 22 that would start with a lunch and learn, where they can talk about all the different changes over the past few years, and the afternoon would be a walking and biking audit to discuss opportunities and challenges in the field. He added this would carry over to the BPAC meeting that evening, which is the next regularly scheduled meeting, where they could recap the day's events. He said he would like to talk with BPAC members that night to discuss direction and make sure this update addresses your priorities. He said that a project website would be set up for sharing information and resources. He said they would be conducting another survey and would be getting more specifics of what people like and don't like. He said they will be looking at what needs to be updated, and work on getting items mapped out and expanding trails. He said public engagement would be promoted and encouraged throughout the process, and there would be opportunities at events during the year to try and bring people into the project. He added that they planned to have everything wrapped up by the end of the year.

Mr. Nelson asked if they would be setting up the website as the primary point of contact, and would it be the same place for collecting public input.

Mr. Cox said, yes, there would be a direct link to the survey on this website and the City's website too. He said they would have every presentation with frequent updates. He added there would be both paper and online surveys.

Mr. Nelson asked about public input from people in the township.

Mr. Cox said that the survey tries to have a few of those questions inserted showing geographic distribution within the City and township to try to make sure more things are geographically distributed.

Mr. Boron said that this survey would give everyone an opportunity to participate through the website, City newsletters and other outlets. He said they would be asking individuals to provide names, addresses, and phone numbers, so that we can evaluate and not discriminate whether they are in the City or not.

Ms. Morris asked if the paper survey would be mailed out.

Mr. Cox said they would be distributing the survey a couple of different ways. He said they would like to give brief presentations in front of groups or clubs that might be having meetings just to let them know about the project. He said they are good opportunities for handing out paper surveys at those meetings to get an immediate response.

Mr. Boron said that we would be using the BPAC meeting schedule as a basis for meetings and events. He said he would love for members to be there for the whole day for the April 22 kick-off, and they are trying to block out activities from noon through the BPAC meeting. He said they would be doing the first public meeting on May 20, and they would be using scheduled events to promote the project throughout the year to get feedback regarding the process.

Mr. Cox said that it is hard to get people to show up to public workshops, but they would have those. He said they have things people can do if they can't make the workshops. He said they would have an interactive crowd-sourcing map on the website. He said it would be a handy tool to get people involved on their own time. He said they want to make sure people hear about the project, and give them lots of avenues to provide comments.

Mr. Boron thanked Mr. Cox for getting the proposal together so quickly, and for his time this evening.

Mr. Cox's teleconference ended.

Mr. Boron said that he would like to add a correspondence from BPAC to City Council in support of this proposal, and the process that's been outlined by Mr. Cox and Greenway Collaborative.

Mr. Davies motioned to support the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update proposal by Greenway Collaborative, and submit a correspondence to City Council. Mr. Nelson seconded. (4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain - motion carries)

- B. 2019 Rides & Walks Update – Ms. Irvin introduced Mr. Lynn Johnson, who joined the discussion. Mr. Johnson said that he lives on Deer Trail Drive, and he is training to become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. He said that he has completed the coursework, and needs 40 hours of volunteer work to become certified. He said he would be willing to host nature themed walks. He said North Park with the paved trail and paths in the woods have a lot of spring wildflowers with plenty of parking would be good for a spring wildflower hike. He said that Milo Beck Park would be best for a late summer-fall prairie type hike.

Ms. Irvin asked about dates, because on Friday, June 21, Don Ross will do a historical trail walk.

There was discussion among members regarding possible dates.

Ms. Irvin said that a photography element to the hikes might attract some people.

Mr. Johnson and the members set the date for the spring hike on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at North Park, with Saturday, April 27, as a rain date. They set the date for the fall hike on Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. at E. Milo Beck Park, with no rain date.

Mr. Boron said that he would need details from Mr. Johnson for the hikes to add it to the calendar as soon as possible to get the word out. He said they need to think about other groups to distribute information to try and drum up interest.

Mr. Johnson said that he spoke with someone at the Wild Birds Unlimited store by Dorothy Lane Market, and they said they would be glad to put information up about events.

The members thanked Mr. Johnson for coming this evening and volunteering his services.

- C. Expo Wrap-Up – Ms. Irvin said she thought it went very well, and she talked with tons of people.

Mr. Boron said that he thought it was good, and there were over 60 people that joined the mailing list. He said they gave away all the prizes, and added that he received good feedback during the day.

Mr. Nelson said that a lot of people walked up to booth because they saw the Walk the Boro sign, and everyone wanted some kind of resource to show where walking trails are. He said it would be good to have a map of the parks showing the walking trails, and added that he spoke to a lot of people about National Trails Day.

Mr. Boron added that the Crooked Handle and Mr. Boro rides/walks are all set up. He said the information is posted on the City website, and the advertisements will be linked back to the City website. xxx

- D. National Trails Day, June 1 – Mr. Boron said they are looking at Clearcreek Park, and previously discussed Hazel Woods Park as a secondary site, but he thinks that Milo Beck Park would be a better secondary site. He said you can walk between the parks on a trail next to the creek, but we may have to have someone available to help people cross the creek. He asked what would be the preference for the number of caches for geocaching.

There was a consensus to use Milo Beck Park as the secondary site, and to have four total caches, with two at each park.

Mr. Boron said that the baseball fields will be in use, and the concession area will be open. He said he is still working out the logistics for setting up.

Ms. Irvin said that she doesn't know that they need a ton of volunteers with the locations at just the two parks.

Mr. Boron asked if there should be a volunteer station at Milo Beck.

Ms. Irvin said, yes.

Mr. Boron said there would be tents set up just like last time.

Ms. Irvin asked if there was enough time to order prizes in April if we don't decide on prizes tonight.

Mr. Boron said, yes, there would be enough time. He said they would probably need three volunteers per tent. He said he has a preliminary commitment from members of the National Honor Society to volunteer.

The members discussed fundanas and snap towels as possible prizes.

Mr. Boron said they also need to discuss items for the fourth geocaching station. He said they are almost out of keychains, but there is a good supply of carabineers.

The members discussed possible small items for the caches like golf tees, ball markers, golf pencils, or small discs with National Trails Day printed on them.

Mr. Boron said they have budgeted for other items, but they can also reuse things we already have on hand.

Ms. Morris said that she would have instructions and coordinates for iPhone and Android. She added that she would coordinate with Ms. Irvin to place the locations, and send the coordinates to Mr. Boron.

Mr. Boron said that he would get the large Tupperware containers for the caches, and there would be information in the tent to promote the plan update.

- E. Project Updates – Mr. Boron said there was nothing really new to update. He said that bids were received for South Pioneer, but he didn't have all the details.
- F. Bicycle Friendly Business Days – Cancellation Request – Mr. Boron said that he would like to discuss suspending Bicycle Friendly Business Days. He said he would like to keep the program, because he is anticipating adding new businesses in the future, but he thought it would be better to focus on National Trails Day and other events.

The members had a short discussion and were in consensus to cancel for this year.

- IV. Other Business – Mr. Davies said that he would be moving out of the City, so he will have to resign once his residence changes. He said he will remain on the committee for April and May, but after that, he is not sure. He added that he would still be available to help out with the plan update.

Mr. Boron said that the next summit is coming up on May 10 in downtown Miamisburg. He said the event is free with a free lunch.

- V. Adjournment – There being no other business, Ms. Irvin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Davies made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Ms. Morris, and approved unanimously (4 yes, 0 no). The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Upcoming Bicycle & Pedestrian Events Through Second Quarter of 2019:

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro Ride/Walk at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro's Tavern,
495 North Main Street

Monday, April 22, 2019 tentatively in the afternoon, Bike Plan Kick-Off Meetings, Springboro City
Building

Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., BPAC Meeting at 320 South Main Street, SPARC and Go

Friday, May 10, 2019, Miami Valley Cycling Summit in Miamisburg

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., BPAC Meeting at 320 South Main Street, SPARC and Go

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Hike/Bike the Handle, Crooked Handle Brewing Co.,
760 North Main Street

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., National Trails Day at Clearcreek Park

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro Ride/Walk at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro's Tavern,
495 North Main Street

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., BPAC Meeting at 320 South Main Street, SPARC and Go



Janet Irvin, BPAC Chairperson



Dan Boron, Staff Liaison