

**Meeting Summary**  
**City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, June 24, 2019**  
**SPARC and Go, 320 South Main Street in Historic District**

- I. Call to Order - The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:55 p.m. at the 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 was also present.
- II. Approval of Meeting Summary – May 20, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Davies motioned to approve the May 20, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Nelson seconded. (4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain - motion carries)
- III. Programs & Initiatives
  - A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update – Norm Cox joined the meeting by cell phone at 6:05 p.m. He gave an overview of the online survey and public meeting results. He said they received 64 responses, and although they were hoping for more, they feel comfortable with the direction that the input gave them. He said most of the responses were from Springboro residents, and almost half of those were from the Settlers Walk and North Park areas. He said those areas are where much of the concentration of the City's population is, and those areas would have major elements of the plan they are looking at.

He gave a summary of the walking results, and said that overall, people were satisfied with walking in Springboro. He reported that people enjoyed the number of existing shaded and clean sidewalks, trails in parks, and the downtown neighborhood. He added that people liked the level of maintenance at the parks, and would like to continue that high level of maintenance. He said that people did not like drivers not yielding to crosswalks, the difficulty of crossing state roads, and sidewalk conditions in Settlers Walk. He added that the sidewalks in Settlers Walk are private sidewalks, and the neighborhood association would be responsible for those. He said the changes that people would like to see would be adding more nature and running trails in the parks, interconnections between existing parks for walkers, bikers, and runners, and crosswalk improvements among other ideas. He said the current bicycling satisfaction was not as high as walking, but still pretty good. He said people liked the identity of Springboro evolving into a bicycle friendly town, the facilities, and the various bicycle events. He said that people didn't like not feeling safe on major roads, lack of off-road trails, and bike lanes and paths ending at City limits. He said the changes that people would like to see are more bike lanes and shoulders with vertical separation, more off-road trails and connectivity between the parks, and education and enforcement of drivers and bike lanes. He said the input they received would be focused on creating a central greenway link, expand the offerings for pedestrians and bicyclists with different types of facilities, complete and upgrade the existing pedestrian and bicycle network along the main roads, and continue to enhance through education and enforcement.

Mr. Boron added that if you have a system designed for a 12 to 14 year old, you could design it for the whole community and it would serve the needs for everyone in this town.

Mr. Cox said, yes, a system designed for 12 or 14 year old will work for everyone.

Ms. Irvin said that where we already have connections and parks there are some areas in our town that we may not be able to change because of how soon we get into rural. She said there are some developments that are part of Springboro that are not connected in any way right now. She said trying to keep all sections of the city involved in our actions would be good.

Mr. Cox said, yes, there is the idea of disconnected neighborhoods. He said some of these neighborhoods don't have sidewalks, and if you're walking through the neighborhood, you want to be able to cross the main road to get to a path or sidewalk system to get to the other neighborhoods. He said there are a few tricks they could do to make things a little more pedestrian and bicycle friendly without putting in sidewalks, and they could approach those neighborhoods and see if they're interested.

Mr. Nelson said that all of the priorities he had have been very well addressed. He said his concerns for safety, diversity, enforcement, and connectivity in terms of the greenway were four big priorities for him, and they have been addressed.

Mr. Cox said that the plan was to look at the greenway and the major roads. He said people need to understand how these parts and pieces work, and they would be putting these plans together over the summer. He said there would be a public workshop currently scheduled for September 23.

Ms. Irvin thanked Mr. Cox for his work.

Mr. Boron confirmed that Mr. Cox would be present at the July 22 BPAC meeting.

Mr. Cox said that was correct.

Mr. Boron thanked Mr. Cox for the summary and for his time tonight.

- B. National Trails Day, June 1 – Ms. Irvin brought the newspaper article that was published in the paper before National Trails Day for everyone to see. She asked if members would like to continue the event next year. She said last year there were 80 people, and this year there were 40.

Mr. Nelson asked how was the weather and if there were any conflicting events.

Ms. Irvin said the weather was good, and there were no conflicting events. She said that the people that came were enthusiastic and seemed to enjoy it, and she didn't experience any complaints at Milo Beck. She said they needed to decide quickly if it was something that they wanted to keep on the schedule, and wanted to know if anyone had strong feelings about it either way.

Ms. Morris said there were hardcore geocachers there and they loved it. She said there were at least ten in that group, and they helped newbies. She said she did have an issue with the gps for one of the locations. She said there were a lot of families with new and young people. She added that it is an opportunity to explore the parks, and she thinks it worth keeping for that reason.

Mr. Nelson said that he thought it was an event worth keeping.

The members discussed possible shifts to the time frame for next year, and registrations.

Ms. Irvin said that it sounded like everyone was still in favor of doing this. She said she didn't think they had to decide right now, and there are still issues they have to work through. She asked Mr. Boron what he thought.

Mr. Boron said he thinks it is a good event, and the geocaching part is good. He said that they can look at some other options for the event next year.

- C. Other Events – Ms. Irvin said that the historic trail walk was phenomenal. She said there was a very large crowd of more than 70 people, and they did not anticipate that response. She wrote a thank you note to the facilitators and read it to the board members. She asked if there was any money available as a way to thank them for their participation, such as a gift card or something small, and if they needed a formal motion. Mr. Boron said they could definitely do something, and he didn't think they needed a motion.

Mr. Boron said there is a Ride/Walk at Mr. Boro's tomorrow night. He said they also have to move the Crooked Handle event because there is a scheduling conflict on July 18. He said it would likely be Thursday, July 25, but he would talk to the brewery about that.

- D. Project Updates – Mr. Boron said the project is moving ahead on South Pioneer, but there have been rain and utility issues. He said it would result in a new bike lane. He said they solicited proposals from consulting engineers and surveyors for the proposed Clearcreek Trail that connects Clearcreek and Milo Beck parks, and they have appointed CMT, based in Springboro, to conduct a feasibility study to look at multiple alignments for this trail. He said it doesn't have to go to City Council, and it is something that will be initiated in the next two weeks.

Mr. Boron said they are starting to have discussions with neighboring communities on what we are planning to do with regards to bike lanes. He said the City Manager would be meeting with Washington Township, and they would be discussing the provision of a Yankee Road/Street bike lane. He said part of that is also in Clearcreek Township, but the roadway is not fully developed in the township. He said the Washington Terrace development that goes from Yankee back to Kitty Hawk Drive has a road that stubs into land in Washington Township, and this project would connect it. He said there was a bike facility planned as part of it, and Washington Township approved it a number of years ago. He said they would be reaching out to all the neighboring communities, including the Washington Centerville Park District about pushing it ahead to have a trail system, and they will all be invited to our follow up meeting in September. He added that Franklin contacted the City about doing survey work in Hazel Woods Park on the trail that goes through that portion of the community. He said they have already done preliminary design work, and that project is scheduled for construction in 2022.

- E. Bike the Boro– Mr. Boron said Bike the Boro will be on Saturday, August 31st, which is Labor Day weekend, from 10:00 to 2:00. He said he is looking for volunteers from this committee and others as well. He said they had a good turnout last year. He added that staff had their first meeting regarding the event in the early part of June. He said they need to get going on this, because they only have one more meeting before August 31st. He added that everything is pretty much set, and the routes aren't really changing other than a slight modification to the blue route because of concerns about turning across traffic in certain neighborhoods.

Ms. Irvin and Ms. Morris both stated that they would volunteer and assist in the same areas they were at last year.

Mr. Boron said that there is a conflict with the BPAC meeting scheduled for Monday, August 26th, and he asked the members if they would consider moving it to Monday, August 19th. There was a consensus among members to move the meeting to August 19th, if needed.

Mr. Boron added that they would be doing the ice cream program again, where if someone sees a kid with a helmet riding a bike, they will get a coupon for a free kiddie cone at K & W. He said they would hand them out to police, staff, and others to distribute.

- IV. Other Business – There was no other business to discuss.
- V. Adjournment – There being no other business, Ms. Irvin asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Morris made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Davies, and approved unanimously (4 yes, 0 no). The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Upcoming Bicycle & Pedestrian Events Through August 2019:

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro Ride/Walk, Mr. Boro's Tavern,  
495 North Main Street

\*Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Hike/Bike the Handle, Crooked Handle Brewing Co.,  
760 North Main Street

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

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Saturday, August 31, 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike the Boro at 10:00 a.m., North Park

  
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Janet Irvin, BPAC Chairperson

  
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Dan Boron, Staff Liaison