

Meeting Summary
City of Springboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Monday, July 22, 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 6:15 p.m. at the SPARC and Go, 320 South Main Street. The meeting was called to order by Janet Irvin, Chair. Members present were Dave Ciesko, John Davies, and Candi Morris. John Nelson was absent. Dan Boron, Staff Liaison, and Norm Cox of The Greenway Collaborative were also present.
- II. Approval of Meeting Summary – June 24, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Davies motioned to approve the June 24, 2019 Meeting Summary. Ms. Morris seconded. (3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain - motion carries)
- III. Programs & Initiatives
 - A. Project Updates – Mr. Boron gave an update on the Pioneer Boulevard project. He said they are moving forward to night construction as they get in all the utilities, which has been the holdup on that project. He said this project would result in a bike lane added.

Mr. Boron said that last Monday, they kicked off a feasibility study for the bike trail that connects Clearcreek Park to E. Milo Beck Park. He said that Shelby Ingle, a civil engineer with CMT, started on July 15th, and they should be finished in 60 days. He said that would give enough time if there are any changes to the program to be included in the budget next year.
 - B. Other Upcoming Events – Mr. Boron said there will be an event at Crooked Handle tomorrow, and that Hike/Bike the Handle will start at 6:30 p.m.
 - C. Bike the Boro – Mr. Boron said that Bike the Boro is coming up on August 31st. He said that more information will be on the website. He coordinated with the BPAC members regarding when and where they would be volunteering. He also gave an overview of participating businesses that would be attending.
 - D. Bike Counters – Mr. Boron said they placed a bike counter at Remick Boulevard, and they had problems of the counter being pulled out multiple times because of speed and condition of pavement. He said they moved the counter to North Park, but the tubes were pulled up there also. He said they hope to get some good counts from the counter at Renwood. He added that the City is looking at purchasing a counter.
 - E. Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Update – Mr. Cox said that he wanted to check in with BPAC members to make sure we are interpreting correctly the input from the public. He said that they would have some display boards out for Bike the Boro ahead of the next round of public engagement, and that is also something that could be displayed at City Hall. He said the input had been grouped into three things. He said the first is a central greenway vision from the regional plan, which is taking the idea and refining things by looking at the details and configuration. He said the second is recreation and parks and how do we link these parks to the central greenway, and what might be some of the bicycling and walking features within the different parks. He said the last is the network or plan to expand the assigned bike route system through Settlers Walk, tying things to the surrounding communities, and what

improvements can be made to the road facilities. He gave an overview of the central greenway vision by discussing the feasibility study to look at potential trails connecting Clearcreek Park and E. Milo Beck Park. He said that existing path systems could be widened to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. He gave an overview of possible connections and pathways across State Route 741 from Settlers Walk to create a 17 mile loop around the City. He said the rough estimate would be a 2 million dollar investment, and this first plan would need to be an incentive that people are interested in. He summarized different biking features for the different parks in the City, with mountain bike trails and BMX track features being the focus. He added that the parks have natural areas for nature trails with high quality vegetation and trees ideal for biking and walking. He reviewed other issues that need to be addressed, such as wheelchair accessibility, City policies, bike parking expansion, and education for drivers regarding bike lanes.

Ms. Morris had to leave the meeting, but she commented that she liked separated bike lanes because people don't respect the bike lanes.

Ms. Morris left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Davies and Mr. Ciesko both commented that mountain biking was heavily represented.

Mr. Cox said that items need to be prioritized. He said that pump tracks or a skills course in the parks would be easy to begin with and it is a specialized thing.

Mr. Ciesko said that he didn't want to speak for Ms. Irvin, because she strongly represents the pedestrian part of this, but walking does seem to be represented.

Mr. Boron said that this is a multi-use system, and there is a lot of sidewalk infrastructure, which is a big advantage.

Mr. Cox said there are nice trails in North Park, and there is a walking asphalt trail, but there are other trails that people might not even know are there.

Mr. Boron said there are currently 12 miles of signed routes, bike lanes, and shared lanes, and the next step is having an off-road trail. He added that popped up in the surveys as being an important attribute of the system that we have.

Mr. Ciesko said that he thought the citizens would need to be re-educated to be convinced to put in an off road path for a \$2 to \$3 million dollar endeavor that would still be crossing roads.

Mr. Boron said that this system can be done incrementally, and still achieve the goals.

There was discussion among members about the airport's future plans, and the addition of more neighborhoods adjacent to the airport since the last plan was implemented.

Mr. Boron said that the files for the plan are enormous, and the goal is to get a plan prepared to get feedback from City staff.

Mr. Cox said that after the plan has been refined, it can be put up on the website, and the members can download them.

Mr. Boron asked if it would be on a project page, and not for general consumption.

Mr. Cox said that they can create a BPAC page, with no links to anything else, for items reviewed at this meeting.

Mr. Boron said that there would be information at Bike the Boro, and they are going to use that event to focus on this with members of BPAC there to get feedback. He said the next public update meeting would be on September 23rd at the City building in the Community Room.

Mr. Cox said that they would have illustrations showing the trails going through the parks.

Mr. Boron said the next focus is getting people out to the public meeting, and he would be talking with Mr. Cox about that.

- IV. Other Business – There was no other business to discuss.
- V. Adjournment – There being no other business, Mr. Ciesko made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Davies, and approved unanimously (2 yes, 0 no). The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Upcoming Bicycle & Pedestrian Events Through September 2019:

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

Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., BPAC Meeting at 320 South Main Street, SPARC and Go

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

Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., Nature Walk at E. Milo Beck Park

*Tuesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Boro Ride/Walk, Mr. Boro's Tavern,
495 North Main Street*

*Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., BPAC Meeting/Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Update
Meeting*



Janet Irvin, BPAC Chairperson



Dan Boron, Staff Liaison