

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:06)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Neilly, Scott, Thayer, Whyte

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

It was discussed that Barkalow had served 2 years as the Chair of BPAC and would no longer be able to do so. Likewise Billings had served 2 years as the Vice-Chair. It was noted that Scott had served 1 year as Secretary.

Motion by Whyte, seconded by Brandt to nominate Billings as Chair of BPAC for 2019. All “Ayes”, motion carried.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Whyte to nominate Barkalow as Vice-Chair of the BPAC for 2019. All “Ayes”, motion carried.

Motion by Billings, seconded by Neilly to keep Scott as the Secretary for 2019. All “Ayes”, motion carried.

4. MINUTES:

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – November 27, 2018

Motion by Neilly, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes.

All ‘Ayes’, minutes approved.

5. TRAIL / BRIDGES PROJECT UPDATE:

a. Grant Wood Trail

Billings noted there was a ribbon cutting for the Grant Wood Trail on December 12th. The Parks Department will maintain the trail through the winter.

b. CeMar Trail

Waiting on environmental clearance. Not sure on how soon we will hear back due to the government shutdown.

c. Indian Creek Trail

Snyder is still working on environmental documentation and preliminary design. Staff hit a snag with a property owner who has now decided they don’t want the trail on their property, so we are looking at alternate alignments.

d. MISD Safe Routes to School Trail

The City did not get the Federal Rec. Trails funding, awards went to larger, multi-jurisdictional trails. Engineering has been working on potential route and cost estimates based on right-of-way limits and grade changes. Billings noted that one option is to have

the students walk down 14th Street to 3rd Avenue and come back up the street to cross mid-block. Billings also noted that there is an alternate option that could be more costly, in which the trail would come straight off the end of 4th Avenue, and connect across 15th Street, mid-block, with a rapid flashing beacon. This route assumes less linear footage will be able to be constructed because it is more costly. The Committee discussed the slopes of the streets and some significant street repairs that might be warranted to continue off the end of 4th Avenue, but felt that would be the route the students would use. They did not want to build a path that does not get used. Motion by Whyte, second by Brandt to continue the sidepath off the end of 4th Avenue, through former railroad property, and cross 15th Street, mid-block with a rapid flashing beacon. Any remaining funds will be used to continue the sidepath to 3rd Avenue or 1st Avenue, if possible.

6. RECOMMEND CMPO- LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (TRAIL PROJECTS):

Billings explained that the Metro area gets Federal transportation funds that are split between roads, trails and transit. To best plan how these funds will be used over the next 25 years, the CMPO staff updates the Long Range Transportation Plan every 5 years. During this time, each jurisdiction submits projects that they anticipate completing in the next 25 years (called the Vision Plan). These projects are then scored and ranked against each other and the CMPO Policy Board approves a short list of projects that could be funded in the next 25 years based on the anticipated funding level from the Federal Government (Fiscally Constrained Projects). This short list of projects is what each jurisdiction can apply for funding towards (all of our trail projects were on this list when we applied for funding).

Billings noted that in the previous Plan, the following were included in the Vision Plan:

Highway 100 Sidepaths

Squaw Creek Trail

Highway 13 / Prospect Meadows Trail

10th Street Sidepaths (TTRd. to Connection Ave)

Christopher Creek Trail (Boyson Trail Head to Lowe Park)

She recommended re-applying to have these projects in the Plan, and asked if the group had any other suggestions? The following were recommended by the Committee:

Dry Creek Trail (Boyson Trail to Grant Wood Trail connection)

Underpass of Highway 13 (north of Hwy 151)

Indian Creek Trail extension (TTRd. to Prospect Meadows)

Lucore Road Bridge (Pedestrian accommodations for existing bridge)

Alburnett Road Sidepaths (north of Alb. Rd. const. project)

CeMar Trail / Armar Drive Connector Trail

Billings confirmed she would make applications for these and submit for inclusion in the CMPO Long Range Transportation Plan.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

8. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary