

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:05)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Neilly, Prouty, Scott, Thayer, Whyte
Guest: Greg Arundale

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – January 29, 2018
Motion by Barkalow, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes.
All ‘Ayes’, minutes approved.

4. BIKE TO WORK WEEK PLANNING:

Billings displayed a DRAFT Bike to Work Month schedule that outlined the 2018 schedule of events and noted any potential changes to this year’s schedule. She informed the Committee that the CMPO Bike Ride would be coming to Marion this year and noted that lunch is anticipated to be provided at Squaw Creek Park with local food trucks present.

She confirmed that the City of Marion typically stays away from doing events on Monday of Bike to Work Week (BTWW) because that is when Cedar Rapids has their kick-off ride and Mayoral Proclamation. She also noted that this year they will have an evening event that will serve as the launch for the Cedar Rapids Bike Share Program.

She asked if the Committee was okay with the kick-off ride and Mayoral Proclamation (beginning at Thomas Park, ending at City Square Park) on Tuesday this year. The Committee generally seemed in favor of the day, time, and route proposed.

Billings noted that last year that Brandon Whyte and she staffed a Pit Stop at Lindale Drive and Lindale Trail on the Wednesday of BTWW. She noted that she would be willing to staff the pit stop again this year but asked the Committee if they thought moving the Pit Stop to east of Highway 13 on the Grant Wood Trail would be beneficial. The Committee felt that there would be more trail traffic west of Lindale Drive and suggested keeping that location this year. She also noted that last year the

public pole for the CeMar bridge design was a big topic and that perhaps this year would be the discussion on the gateway art.

She also noted she has contacted Nikki Davidson and confirmed that the Ride of Silence would begin and end in Marion again this year. Although Nikki had previously anticipated moving the ride to another jurisdiction, she has been pleased with the number of riders, police assistance, and Marion route in previous years. Billings informed the Committee of Nikki's proposed route changes this year. The Committee was hesitant to agree with the proposed routing change off of Boyson Road and using Brentwood, they noted that there are still hills along that stretch, a number of fast-moving cars, and number of speed bumps. They recommended sticking to Boyson Road to get to C Avenue.

Billings noted she would be attending a Pit Stop hosted by Cedar Rapids at Collins Aerospace on the Thursday of BTWW in case there were any Marion residents/questions that came up.

The Committee also generally agreed to a Friday morning ride again from Butterfield Park to City Square Park. Billings noted she anticipated having food at the park after both of the morning rides. She noted that last year there was no follow-up celebration because the prior year's event had not been well attended.

Prouty suggested having a ride, but not calling it a 'bike to work week' ride because she automatically dismisses BTWW events because she is not able to bike to work in the mornings but would be open to a more casual/social ride after work. She suggested renaming Bike to Work Week to something more than just biking to work, but just biking anywhere... "Bike Marion". Brandt agreed with Prouty and noted he liked the idea of calling it something more general. He also liked the idea of the evening ride followed by the Helmets and Hops in the Uptown Artway. Billings noted she would discuss it with Amber Bisinger to get her thoughts on going away from the nationally celebrated title to make it more inclusive of biking in general.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

6. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary