

With no quorum, the Committee began their informal meeting at 4:12pm.

Billings began the discussion regarding bike to work week. She noted that last year the rides were poorly attended, but it was also crummy weather. She asked the group if they felt the two rides during the week were still valid, or if they should be done away with. The group felt the rides were still okay to have. She noted that this year she would seek donations to have food set up at the end of the rides. She would also contact the Mayor to confirm his attendance. Scott asked about a local celebrity for the Friday ride. Billings asked for ideas from the group. A few members mentioned Kaj O'Mara. Billings said she would check into it.

Billings informed the group that last year Cedar Rapids did a pit stop on the Collins Road side of Rockwell and there were several questions related to the City of Marion. Billings said she had volunteered to be at that booth this year (Thursday morning of BTWW). She wondered if the Committee thought it would be a good idea to have a pit-stop on the Lindale Trail (Lindale Drive area). Barkalow noted that having a pit stop during BTWW could also act as public outreach as it relates to the trail bridge design for over Marion Blvd. The group concurred. Thayer volunteered to help at the Marion pit-stop on the Wednesday of BTWW. Billings will work on getting donations of food for the Pit Stop.

Billings recalled that the prior year's after party was also poorly attended. Neilly had previously suggested to have the party on the Thursday night to catch people before they leave town for the weekend. Billings noted that if they were still doing raffle tickets, that would make the Friday morning ride invalid. The group suggested doing away with the raffle and prizes this year and concentrate more on raffles and prizes when the trail system has a direct connection with Cedar Rapids. The group decided to leave the after party on Friday night, this year gathering in or near the Uptown Artway.

Billings noted that since the Ride of Silence got canceled due to weather last year and the organizer still wants to have it in Marion again this year. Police (Daubs) has already agreed to the Wednesday night of BTWW and clarified there will not be a rain date for this event. Billings will contact Ramsey's to let them know they will be the informal gathering place following the ride.

Billings mentioned making bigger push to Rockwell employees to bike to work, perhaps more outreach to employees. Greg Arundale (employed at Rockwell) suggested to push this effort into a future year when the bridges are in place to provide the direct connection to Uptown restaurants. The group agreed that was the best idea. Billings noted she was still going to see about specials for bikers in Uptown during Bike to Work Week.

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:57)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Daubs, Scott, Thayer
Guest: Greg Arundale, Amber Bisinger

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 27, 2018
Motion by Barkalow, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes.
All ‘Ayes’, minutes approved.

4. BIKE TO WORK WEEK:

See informal discussion

5. MASTER TRAIL PLAN MAP UPDATE:

No discussion was had on this subject.

6. CMPO WAYFINDING DISCUSSION:

Billings informed the Committee that she had previously been working with Brandon Whyte to design and identify locations for trail mile markers. Those were ordered in 2017 and now Brandon is requesting trail wayfinding signage locations and content for areas in Marion. She noted that this is separate from any wayfinding efforts that Marion has planned for the Uptown or larger commercial area. The Committee made suggestions to include wayfinding along the Boyson Trail with identifiers to other trail segments, restrooms, parks, and other notable destinations. The Committee also made recommendations for a few directional signs on the Lindale Trail coming from and going to Cedar Rapids. Lastly, the Committee suggested signage to begin on the upcoming Grant Wood Trail including identifiers for Waldo’s Rock Park, trail segment length, and street intersection signs.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

8. ADJOURN:

Daubs left the meeting for a police call; the Committee lost its quorum. With no further quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary