

1. CALL TO ORDER: (4:02)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Daubs, Neilly, Scott, Thayer, Whyte  
Guests: Amber Bisinger, Mike Cimprich, Seth Staashelm

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – February 26, 2018  
Motion by Barkalow, seconded by Whyte, to approve the minutes.  
All 'Ayes', minutes approved.

4. TREE PLANTING ALONG TRAIL (DESIRED LOCATIONS)

Mike Cimprich, City of Marion Arborist, addressed the Committee and noted that the City is eligible to apply for a Trees for Kids seedlings program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The City can apply for up to 200 bare root seedlings, ranging from 12-24", from the State Nursery. He noted that he is looking for potential planting areas, not in the street right-of-way as the small trees do not do well in those conditions.

Barkalow commented that the Grant Wood Trail project from 35<sup>th</sup> Street to Highway 13 has not been closed out yet, so no work within those easements can be completed until most likely this fall. Cimprich responded that the Trees for Kids program is being replaced with a Trees for Communities which will have a seedling grant program this fall. He commented that the City could apply again in the fall for that section of trail.

Scott suggested the area along the trail from 31<sup>st</sup> Street to 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

Scott noted that the Linn County Trails Association has been looking for volunteer opportunities. Neilly then asked what the volunteer timeframe would be. Cimprich replied that 20-40 volunteers would be ideal, and he anticipates it to take 1 to 2 hours.

5. BIKE TO WORK WEEK PLANNING:

Bisinger distributed the proposed flyers with the BIKE MARION title at the top. Whyte asked the CMPO ride have the beginning location changed to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Billings also noted that she has been selected to participate in the Iowa Walking College so she will not be able to run the pit stop at Lindale Drive and Lindale Trail on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked if anyone from the Committee would be interested in running that pit stop. Whyte volunteered, pending verification with his calendar.

Billings also noted that she would contact Nikki Davidson to suggest the Boyson Road route instead of Brentwood Drive because of the previously discussed concerns that the Committee had.

Neilly suggested moving the Helmets and Hops Ride to Thursday night to accommodate those that might head out of town on Friday. Whyte noted that the date move would make the event not conflict with Cedar Rapid's wrap-up party. The Committee agreed to move the ride and after-party to Thursday night.

Scott asked if Marion businesses were going to participate with discounts this year. Billings replied that the discounts were rarely used in the past, so she felt it would be difficult to get participation from businesses. Perhaps waiting a few more years before asking again would be ideal. She did not anticipate asking for any discounts the night of Helmets and Hops.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Brandt asked about a sidewalk connection to the Grant Wood Trail from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, via 29<sup>th</sup> Street. He saw it as a potential cut-through location and thought it best if the City consider a sidewalk connection now. Billings noted that it appeared to be dedicated right-of-way, but sometimes the industrial or commercial use of the area might be a detriment to safety. She replied that she would look into it since the trail has yet to be fully constructed.

7. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Scott, Secretary