

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:08 p.m. (via Zoom Meeting)

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Abbott, Barkalow, Billings, Brandt, Neilly (4:10), Prouty, Staashelm

3. MINUTES:

- a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – May 26, 2020
Motion by Prouty, seconded by Brandt, to approve the minutes.
All 'Ayes', minutes approved.

4. BIKE REGULATIONS – CHAPTER 76

Billings talked the Committee through the current Chapter 76 of the Marion Code and identified some areas she felt were outdated and should be taken out or amended. She also discussed the current Cedar Rapids Bicycle Regulations and how theirs might be a good example to look at because it included the option, not requirement, for bike registration, identifies electric bikes and power and speed limitations that those should have, and also identifies electric scooters.

The Committee agreed that an update needs to happen to stay relevant. It was also discussed to continue the limitation of not riding bikes in the Uptown, but a defined area was not set.

5. BIKE LICENSING – CHAPTER 77

The Committee agreed that required bike licensing should go away.

6. REVIEW LETTER: EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR TRAILS

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted to the Park Board from a resident of Marion. The letter noted an accident on the trail that required medical attention and suggested emergency identification/location signs should be placed along the trail. Billings noted that similar signs had been placed along the Cedar Valley Nature Trail a few years back and the intent was to install those signs along other multi-jurisdictional trails once fully connected. The Committee discussed the desire to have some sort of identification/location signs installed in the interim. Brandt asked if location signs could be installed on current signposts along the trails in Marion. Staashelm noted he would look into it.

7. TRAIL UPDATE:

Billings informed the Committee that Phase II of the CeMar Trail (paving the trail through Thomas and Legion Parks) was let on June 16th and was competitively bid at \$60,000 under engineers estimate. That project is anticipated to start in August.

The City Council approved the contract extension for Cara Briggs Farmer for the design of the gateway feature and approved the design of the gateway feature. Staff can now share the designs publicly.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Prouty informed the Committee that Eat, Dink and Be Marion tickets are available for the 'at home' event. She noted that with registration you get a t-shirt, metal drink tumbler, and coupons to use at participating businesses.

Brandt recognized that the BPAC discussed many things related to trails and trail accommodations. He suggested the Committee also focus on pedestrian connections such as filling in gaps, identifying locations for needed crosswalk markings and general access limitations. He recognized the work being done with Safe Routes to Schools but asked if all of Marion could be taken into consideration. Billings noted that it is a good idea, the difficult part is prioritizing those routes for funding. Abbott suggested that if Marion has some priority projects that have some design or cost estimates complete, Linn County Public Health can try to find grants to help support the completion of those projects. Some may be as small as \$10,000, but some could be larger than \$100,000.

9. ADJOURN:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Thayer, Secretary