



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
1st Floor Conference Room, Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101

Call to order: Kristi Drake, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Members present: Jane Van Dyk, City Council; DJ Clark, County; Liana Susott, County; Amber Sundsted, City Council

Others present: Lora Mattox, Transportation Planner; Katy Easton, Downtown Billings Alliance

Public Comment Period:

- a. **Comments on items not on the agenda and request to add items to future agendas – none**
- b. **Comments on items on the non-public agenda items – none**

Kristi opened the meeting with a welcome to Liana to the board!

Motion. Approval of the meeting minutes of: February 27, 2018: DJ motions to approve the minutes as presented, Amber seconds. Approved.

Old Business:

Bike Parking Update – Kristi asked Katy about scheduling the installation of the first 6 new racks. The new racks are scheduled to replace the trial bike staples that are currently downtown. Katy will check with Joe and schedule the installation.

New Business:

Presentation: Downtown Billings Strategic Plan-Bike/Pedestrian Infrastructure – This planning process took approximately 1.5 years and included a community forum and focus group meetings. Goals included:

- Downtown housing;
- Inclusion of diverse cultures;
- Mixed-use, multi-anchor development;
- Multi-modal streets and connectivity
 - Traffic and bike study;
 - 27th, Highway 3 enhancements;
 - Aesthetics and cultural enhancements to walkability;
 - 1-way to 2-way street conversions;
 - Parking enhancements;
 - Autonomous vehicles;
 - Downtown shuttle
 - Amtrak Empire Builder Train Service;
 - Public Wi-Fi

Katy encourages the board to review the plan including the action matrix at the end of each chapter. Kristi asked if a member of BPAC would be beneficial to DBA board. Katy stated that the Executive Committee will be looking at establishing action committees and BPAC would be welcome.

CIP (Capital Improvement Program) – Kristi states that the City Council approved the CIP on Monday night. Kristi suggested that BPAC should be involved when the CIP development initiates. Lora mentioned that last year Vern Heisler, Deputy Public Works Director attended a BPAC meeting to discuss the CIP. BPAC and staff will be more vigilant in the future on the development of the CIP and get BPAC more involved. Some of the projects identified in this year's program are:

- 6th Avenue North separated path on the north side;
- Monad Road roundabout;
- Central Avenue reconstruction 32nd Street West to Shiloh Road;
- Midland Road reconstruction South Billings Boulevard to Mallowney Lane;
- Various overlays and chip seals
- Various traffic signal replacement

Other Business:

Next BPAC Meeting – The next BPAC meeting will be April 24th.

Future Agenda Items:

- Alignment of Bike and Parks Plan, Jolene Rieck
- Joint meeting with Traffic Control Board
- Pedestrian Access – Winter Conditions

Adjournment