



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Billings & Yellowstone County
MEETING MINUTES



Tuesday, July 23, 2019 MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
1st Floor Conference Room, Miller Building
2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101

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Call to order: Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

Members present: Kristi Drake, City; Rose Cook, County.

Others present: Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner. Guests: Morgan Miller

Public Comment Period:

- a. **Comments on items not on the agenda and request to add items to future agendas –**
none.
- b. **Online comments and comments received by the Active Transportation Planner –**
none.

Motion. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 25, 2019: Rose Cook, BPAC member, moved to approve the minutes, Kristi Drake, BPAC member seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Annual Presentations to LIFTT and County Commissioners.

Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)-Goal is to talk about accessibility and establish relationships that could be helpful. Maybe talk about walking audit. Rose and Ed Gulick, BPAC Chair, can attend. The meeting is Tuesday, July 30 at 9 am at LIFTT offices.

Commissioners – BPAC will present to BOCC on August 20 at 9:30 am. Elyse Monat, Active Transportation Planner, will send the information to Rose with directions to the meeting room.

Discussion Update. Engaging with Street and Traffic Division. Elyse contacted the Street and Traffic Division. She has not heard back, but will likely hear soon. The group reviewed list of questions to ask during meeting. One question was removed from the list. The group wants to know if State or City is responsible for sweeping MDT routes.

Discussion Update. Bicycle Boulevard Grant. Elyse updated on the Blue Zones grant. The Billings team had an interview about 2 weeks ago. \$10,000 would be for a demonstration day and the other \$90,000 would be for implementation. The grant also includes a training in September. Elyse will send out an email if Billings is awarded the grant.

Discussion Update. Revised by-laws. Elyse will try to get the updated by-laws on the September 9 agenda for Council. She will also see if the by-laws can go to the Commissioner Discussion on September 9 and presentation on the 10.

Bike Parking Update. Elyse shared that 12 racks have been applied for including at the Pub Station, Clark Marten Photography, Big Dipper, Montague's Jewelers, Billings YMCA, Valley Credit Union, and the Annex/Fieldhouse. Elyse will send the list to Kristi for the next Billings TrailNet newsletter as well as the map for the bike parking area.

New Business

Other Business: Kristi thanked everyone for being part of the Trail Blazing celebration. The leftover pile of millings will be used to pave the parking lot at Zimmerman Park.

Local trail funding is currently on hold. It may come up again after City Council elections.

Trail etiquette. Kristi wondered if BPAC would like to find ways to address trail etiquette. Can some rules be included in wayfinding signage? One of Kristi's contacts offered to add a middle stripe to the trails free. BPAC members suggested Facebook posts with trail etiquette. Elyse will look to see if a national organization has standards for trail etiquette.

Monday, August 19. Public Works is presenting on SRTS, traffic calming, and bike boulevards at the City Council Work session.

Future Agenda Items: Trail etiquette education

Downtown traffic plan

Report out on meeting with LIFTT

Bicycle Boulevard grant

Street and traffic division

Bike parking report out

Meeting adjourned at 12:43.