

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board
Monday, January 30, 2017, 4:00 pm
City of Bonita Springs
Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

AGENDA

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 4:10 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Sarah Baker, Chairwoman

Lindsay Robin

Richard Pepe

Darren Robertshaw

Scott Schnappauf

Liaison and Advisory Members

Sean Gibbons, Community Development

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 11/28/16 Meeting Minutes

Under New Business, item B, second paragraph, first sentence, change from "Mr. Schnappauf stated" to "Mr. Sean Gibbons stated Nicole is looking into something called Vector Image."

Under Old Business, item B, second paragraph, correct spelling of Ron Rogoi to Ron Gogoi.

Darren Robertshaw moved to approve the November 28, 2016 meeting minutes, Board Member Lindsay Robin seconded, motion carried unanimously

B. 12/19/16 Meeting Minutes – Deferred to February

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Informational Hound-Outs & PSA's

Mr. Sean Gibbons reported that informational Safety Tips and PSAs have been sent off and prints have been ordered. Mr. Gibbons gave a big shout out to Scott, Beth and Mrs. Crane from the Blue Zone, they picked up the entire tab.

B. Bike Rack Installation

Mr. Gibbons conveyed that the racks have been ordered and will be installed in two locations, River Park and Riverside Park. Ms. Nicole Perino, Parks and Recreation Director, is working on the installation. The Board discussed March 4 and 5 at the Arts Festival at River Park as possible dates for the unveiling and Mr. Gibbons suggested getting a proclamation done to memorialize the event. The team talked about getting T-shirts.

C. Historic Bike Ride & Events

The Board discussed options for the historic bike ride and potential routes. Concerns discussed were safety, the volume of people, and crowd control.

Board member, Lindsay Robin, spoke to Mr. Charles Strader at the Historical Society. Mr. Strader is interested in getting involved and asked what the theme would be. The board thought this year would focus on downtown improvements. The Board discussed reaching out to John Paeno with the Imperial River tours; Mr. Paeno helped Mr. Strader with the Historical Society's walking tours. There may be a good opportunity to partner with the Historical Society for the pedestrian portion. Ms. Lindsay Robin will get back to Mr. Strader after this meeting.

Due to construction, the route is the most challenging portion of organizing the event. The event will be both a bicycle and pedestrian event. Last year, the Wonder Gardens was the farthest north location. Ms. Robin asked if the Board could pick May 20, 2017, for the event. Member Robertshaw you cannot have the event if there is already a race in town, the Board needs to make sure there are no other races on that day.

The board discussed having a scavenger hunt. The benefit of a scavenger hunt is that the work is done ahead of time and would start at a certain time for about an hour and a half. The program would feature a half hour introduction on what's going on downtown, then participants would go to ten significant places. When participants are done, they would meet back where they started. Prizes would be given out to the teams/Individuals who get back first. The Board would like The Bonita Beach Historical Society to be open and be a location on the scavenger hunt where participants would pick up a pamphlet or they take pictures of themselves with the map. Board member Schnappauf, suggested an application called "Goose Chase". Participants would submit photos at each location, then you have all these photos you can use. From a safety standpoint, participants would have to sign a waiver; have someone give a safety talk and hand out tip cards. Since there is construction going on, it would be necessary to direct participants exactly where to cross the roads. The Board discussed getting assistance from the Sheriff's office.

The board discussed creating a map for the scavenger hunt. Mr. Schnappauf said if we're going to use the Goose Chase application, he believes it would create a map? There is a company in Naples who does scavenger hunt parties. It might be worth someone reaching out to them to ask about price points. Between now and next meeting, the Board will investigate scavenger hunts and companies that run scavenger hunts. Send results to Sean if it looks like something the Board is looking for. Specifically, look for a company who can do a map for the bike ride.

Chairwoman Sarah Baker announced that there is enough money in the budget for the event, the Board is on track. If there is money left over, it can be put into bike licensing, bike lights, 3-D stickers or T-shirts. Having all participants wearing the T-shirts while snapping pictures would be good visibility. Great PR, fantastic for the pictures. It was suggested ordering medium and large, with a few small and extra-large. Mr. Gibbons will ask Ms. Perino if she has any left over.

Mr. Gibbons asked if the Board discussed time frame. Last year the event was early afternoon. This year, eight a.m. would be good if you were riding. It was discussed starting the event with a ride and then the scavenger hunt. After deliberation, it was decided not to start with a ride due to the fact that there would be liability issues, different levels of riders, it would not be a family event and it would be difficult to control the time frame. The event needs to be reasonable walking distance.

Board member Lindsay Robin asked if an account would be set up to collect money for registering for the scavenger hunt. The Board had talked about partnering with the Historical Society who has a mechanism in place to collect money. Participants usually don't mind paying if it goes back to the community, a project or a cause. The Board discussed the options of having a raffle, a grand prize, or small prizes.

Chairwoman Sarah Baker asked the Board to consider the following before next meeting:

1. Scavenger Hunt
 - a. Find a company to put together a scavenger hunt with a map
 - b. Determine destinations for scavenger hunt
 - c. Think of area businesses to incorporate into the scavenger hunt who may want to donate prizes.
 - Pottery as Art
 - Wonder Gardens
 - d. Talk to Mr. Strader about having the Historical Society open for the scavenger hunt and if he has any ideas for potential stops.
 - e. Prizes for participants

Board member Scott Schnappauf spoke to Corporal Bobby Hunter from the Lee County Sheriff's office and they are onboard.

Addendum (from 2/27/17 meeting)

Mr. Schnappauf also spoke to a representative from the Everglades Wonder Gardens.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bicycle Pedestrian Workshop

Board member Sean Gibbons thanked Ms. Lindsay Robin for attending and representing the Board at the Bicycle Pedestrian workshop. The higher priority has been Terry Street which will be the location for the new 12-foot wide Multi-use pathway. The pathway will be located on the north side of Terry Street, from where the school is just shy of the shopping center. Mr. Gibbons gave a shout out to Councilman O'Flinn who has been championing this effort.

B. Gulf Coast Regional Trail Summit

Mr. Gibbons reported that the Summit took place last Monday, January 23, 2017. All the various MPOs from Pinellas County all the way down to Collier County attended. They are looking to put together a regional alliance for acquiring funding and political support to do the trail to trail project. If all goes well we will have a whole regional support network to

push these things through. There is opportunity to get grants in the amount of \$200K to \$500K for potential projects. Mr. Gibbons gave a shout out to Ron and Don, the presentation they put together on our county was fantastic. It was a very "Bonita-centric" presentation.

Mr. Gibbons reported that the RFP/RFQ should be approved at the upcoming City Council meeting, which meets on February 15, 2017. They are going to discuss Bike/Pedestrian concerns, if anyone can attend. Mr. Gibbons does not expect any opposition. The projects are already allocated from the improvement fund. The Board can use that money to match for a grant, once the Board settles on the vendor, pins it down, and has the plans. The goal of the Bonita Springs Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory board is to be the trend setter city for South Fort Myers. If the corridor is improved, it helps all of Florida. Bonita Springs is a major hub for Lee County.

Cape Coral has been very successful in writing grants. They have a full time person who is skilled in writing grants. Board member Robertshaw recommends doing something similar to Cape Coral, using their model. Chairwoman Sarah Baker asks the Board to see if there are any Grants out there we would like to apply for.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS

Chairwoman Baker announced that Ann Pierce may want to come talk to the group. She has come before and asked what the process is. Mr. Gibbons spoke to her at the summit and she gave the team an incredible amount of kudos. Chairwoman Baker told Ms. Pierce that Mr. Gibbons is our new city liaison so we would add her to next month's agenda.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (February 20, 2017)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 p.m. Board Member Robertshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lindsay Robin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiaramonte, Receptionist/Office Assistant

Minutes approved at the February 27, 2017 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board meeting.

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