

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Monday April 17, 2017, 4:00 pm

City of Bonita Springs

Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Sarah Baker, Chairwoman

Scott Schnappauf

Darren Robertshaw

Lindsay Robin

Ryan Scofield

Absent:

Richard Pepe

Debra Giambo

Jeffrey Williams

Liaison and Advisory Members

Sean Gibbons, Community Development

Mike Gibson, Councilman

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

A. 2/27/17 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Scott Schnappauf made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Lindsay Robin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. 3/20/16 Meeting Minutes

Page 2, fourth paragraph stating "Ms. Robin will make up a map". Delete this sentence from the minutes.

Mr. Scott Schnappauf made a motion to accept the minutes with change outlined above, Ms. Lindsay Robin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bike Rack Installation

As far as we are concerned, if a company would like to have a bike rack on their property, and it complies with the City's architectural standards, they are welcome to as long as it meets all the City requirements (set-backs, usual safety requirements, et al). We can support it, give them a shout out, but it's not a City program at this time.

B. Historic Bike Ride & Events

Chairwoman Baker asked for updates from last meeting. Mr. Schnappauf reported that he talked to John Paeno who said they were going to share the information with the businesses down the strip. Mr. Schnappauf talked to some area business people and they seemed very excited about it. He did speak to Pottery as Art and they gave him four \$50 gift cards to give away as prizes. Shangri-La is willing to participate in regards to having small groups of people come on campus to take pictures and the manager asked how she could help. Mr. Thomas Hecker from the Wonder Gardens said they are on board. Mr. Schnappauf is meeting with Survey Café tomorrow morning.

Mr. Schnappauf did speak to Corporal Hunter who arranged for a police officer to be at the round-a-bout on the day of the event to talk about safety.

Suggested Stops:

Bike rack – first clue
Everglades Wonder Gardens
Little red bridge on the river
Rotary Clock
Veteran's monument
Banyan Tree
Artist Cottages
Elementary School
Pottery as Art
Shangri – La
Round-a-Bout
McSwain House

Chairman Baker stated that the Survey Café and Twisted Tangle are still up in the air.

Chairman Baker will prepare opening remarks for the event.

The committee discussed how to manage unmanned stations. It was suggested that for the unmanned stations, to have participants take a picture (selfie) and post pictures of their stops at the unmanned station using # (hashtag). In the event a participant does not have a cell phone or the capability to take a picture, participants would have to get a piece of information regarding the station to prove that they have been there. Committee discussed asking the businesses what they would like to do for participants (take picture, hand out business cards/menus).

Committee decided to keep the scavenger hunt simple. Mr. Schnappauf will work on the content and clues to be done by April 24. Ms. Robins will work on the program and have it ready by April 24st. Ms. Robins and Mr. Schnappauf will send to Mr. Gibbons. Proposed date for flyer to go out May 1st, registration deadline is May 12.

The committee discussed wording the advertising of the scavenger hunt. It's a multi-modal scavenger hunt, so it's open to cyclists and pedestrians. The committee decided to word it as a walkable family friendly scavenger hunt. This would clarify the event for the serious cyclists who may expect a more challenging ride.

Prizes will be given for most completed, names will be submitted for a raffle to win a prize. Cards have to be graded to make sure the answer is correct. We have 4 gift cards for The Lake House, 4 gift cards for Pottery as Art.

Registration: Registration and Sign-in starts at 9 a.m. Participants will need to sign a waiver at sign-in. Light refreshments (continental breakfast, pastries, bagels and coffee) will be served during the registration period. Estimated participants are 50 to 60 people. Mr. Robertshaw will provide waters and sodas for event. Mr. Gibbons will find out if we can create an event on the City Facebook page. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the event.

The scavenger hunt will start at 10 a.m., participants should be on their way by 10:30 at the latest. The event will end at noon. An hour and a half should be plenty of time.

Recap on timing:

Registration, Rules and Regulations 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Scavenger hunt starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Participants should be back by 11:30 a.m.

Prizes and Refreshments 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Whole event: 9:30 a.m. to noon

The committee discussed how we're going to get the word out. City of Bonita Springs Facebook and whatever the City can do to get the word out. Mr. Gibbons will ask Patrick to put it on their website. Copies of the flyer will be send to area businesses to be put up. Committee members will use their networks to get the word out.

Committee members will talk to area businesses on their dry run so they know what to expect.

Chairman Baker advised the committee to watch for Sean's email for updates.

Mr. Gibbons advised the committee that he will not be able to be at the event because of a family commitment, but will make sure the committee has everything they need for the event.

Mr. Gibbons is going to check with Mr. Patrick Lippy to see if permits are needed.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

C. Joint Council Meeting – SUNTrail Opportunities

Mr. Sean Gibbons reported that the City of Bonita Springs and the Village of Estero Councils met to discuss the pathway project. Mr. Gibbons stated it was an incredibly good meeting and the Bonita and Estero councils are very interested in pursuing options to have succinct united pathway project. The idea is a pathway going from Tampa down to Marco Island. There are

other options such as having a coastal connector loop, which would run from Summerlin all the way down the beach and south, but there are some issue from Estero because it doesn't provide the facilities that they need. This presentation was a repackaging of the presentation done by our NPO and Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation in Sarasota for the benefit of both councils so they could make an informed and concise decision on how to pursue and buy into the project.

B. February MPO-BPCC/Wayfinding Update

Mr. Gibbons reported that Dr. Banyan gave a fantastic presentation about her walking audit out in Tice. They are looking to do an audit in Bonita Springs shortly, Mr. Gibbons will give us an update on when that audit will happen. Mr. Gibbons passed out cards from Dr. Banyan on general information on who to call in the greater Fort Myers area on where there are gaps in facilities.

Mrs. Jen Hagan is now Chair of the BPCC Committee. Mr. Dan Moser is Vice Chair.

Ms. Simone Behr from the Lee County VCB presented a new tourism ad highlighting some of the bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the area. This ad is targeted for a larger audience. They also attended a pedestrian oriented conference up in the St. Augustine area which had very well received reviews. This ad will be directed to people overseas as well as the United States to market our facilities in our area to people overseas as well as the United States; so we are becoming a bike/ped attraction area.

Don Scott gave an update on the MPO bike-ped inventory map for Lee County. There are somethings that are changing, for example the maintenance responsibilities for the wayfinding signs for the TIGER Grant project. We also presented our Bike-Ped Master Plan at the March MPO-BPCC, and our presentation was very well received.

VI. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

No member items to discuss.

VII. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (May 15, 2017)

The committee will have a dry run on April 24 to go over the route and content at 4 p.m. The committee will not be discussing anything that needs to be voted on.

The committee confirmed the next meeting as May 15, 2017.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Nadine Chiamonte,
Receptionist/Office Assistant

Minutes approved at the August 21, 2017 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board meeting.

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