

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**

**May 18, 2022**

**In person 9:00am**

**Attendees:**

Chairman: Gene Brislin

Members: John Mott, Sandy O'Keefe, Ned Shows, Ben Hough

Absent: Vincent Thurman, John Thurmes

Visitors/ public comment: Angelo Anastopoulo, Kyle James (BCDCOG)

Call to Order: Chairman Gene Brislin 9:07am

**I. Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from March Sandy motion, Ned second

**II. Agenda Items: Previous Discussion**

**Ask for update from SCDOT on trail during BGM construction**

**AJ will reach out to Kevin with SCDOT and ask him to attend the next BPAC meeting in July. It will likely be about 6 months until the project begins. BPAC would like to host a public meeting and have Kevin with SCDOT present the plans for the trail.**

**Discussed the issue with Vincent Thurman attendance to the BPAC meetings, Gene will be reaching out to Vincent and Councilman Brown.**

### **Community Designations**

**The town of Summerville had previously applied to be considered a bicycle/ Pedestrian friendly community and was turned down. Things to focus on to get that designation signage, parking, use of road diets, increase of multiuse trails/ paths.**

**Sandy to meet with community advocates Bike Walk Summerville and discuss when we should re apply for this designation once the trail enhancements are complete.**

**Gene to share his GIS google email and explanation on collecting garmin data to share with fleet feet, bike walk Summerville.**

### **III. New discussions**

**a. Discussed the new federal grant Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program**

**Kyle James informed us that there are 3 different types of grants 1. Safety and actions plan 2.**

**Supplemental planning 3. Implementation**

**You cant apply for 2 and 3 without already having received 1 (safety and action)**

**Kyle is recommending that we approach the grant from a regional perspective and including Dorch, Berkeley, and Charleston county data.**

**The min amount of funds \$200k the max is \$2 million.**

**Gene would like to speak with the mayor and those on the CHATS committee on which way they would like to approach this grant, by municipality or regional.**

**b. Discussed the Vision Plan and our role as BPAC committee**

**1. Provide the town with comprehensive plan**

**1. Every 5 years we need to redo the comprehensive plan, 5 years is coming up Gene asked Ben to review the plan and report back to how we can alter, change, enhance.**

**2. Recommend roadway and bicycle ped facility design standards**

**1. Discussed proposing multiuse paths instead of sidewalks, BCDCOG standards are 12 feet wide**

**2. Adding bicycle racks and pump stations**

**3. Methodologies for measuring activity**

**1. Research adding counters at trail heads and throughout the trail to measure usage. Eco counters.**

### **IV. Discussed the finance meeting between Gene and council from march**

**a. Gene presented our sidewalk, crosswalk proposal to council, he went in asking for \$300k to work on 5-6 specific sidewalk improvements. Council was very receptive and he received a lot of great feedback. However after the budget meeting he was told they are in a deficit and we will not be allocating funds for these improvements this year.**

- b. Also discussed the North Maple sidewalk/ project and how dangerous that is to bicyclist and pedestrians as the sidewalk just ENDS.**

**Public comments- Kyla James with BCDCOG reiterated the importance of the grant coming from the Region as a whole we will be more competitive with ALL of the data reported between all 3 counties Dorchester, Berkeley and Charleston.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15  
Respectfully submitted by Sandy O'Keefe