

RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 17, 2016

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Brauer, John Beatty, Dale Wisnewski, Brad Conklin and Mark Clark. Curt Dettinger was absent. Deputy Clerk Michelle Peter, Street Superintendent Scott Turner and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance. Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Motion by Clark/Beatty to approve the January 21, 2016 the Bike/Pedestrian minutes. Questioned and carried.

REPORTS:

Trillium Trail Update – Street Superintendent Turner thanked members for their contributions for the Trillium Trail grant. He expounded some of their suggestions into the final application. It was noted the grant will be ranked sometime in April prior to selection where we can see how it rates against other grants with the MPO and can consider applying for Environmental Impact Fund (50/50 match). Brad Conklin asked if the trail was promoted as both a bike and walking trail in the grant. Administrator Rhoden noted this trail is considered as a multi-use /alternative route. Brad and Gaylene met this week with Jean Tehan from the Community Foundation to discuss possible funding and grants available to both this Committee and the Park Commission. They both agreed Foundation had many funds available and focuses on projects that draw people into the area.. It would be a matter of determining what the Committee felt was a priority and what additional features or enhancements would draw additional traffic to the area.

Park Commission – Park Chairman Conklin noted the Park Commission would like to also work with Jean Tehan and the Community Foundation for future park needs. On April 23rd, the Ghidorzi Group will be holding a community spring clean-up. Brad would like to get the word out and have a stronger presence in cleaning the Town. Some Park Commissioners met with Domtar representatives regarding the possibility of a future golf disc course on their property. Brad will provide updates as details get worked out. There is also discussion on a possible dog park by Co-Vantage. Scott Turner also suggested another possible location could be at Liberty Park, since it is currently being under used.

Metro – John Beatty stated the League of American Bicyclists has provided feedback and Town of Rib Mountain is in good shape. The group noted the area could use some additional bike parking facilities. Andrea Larson noted Andrew at the MPO is still compiling a list of bike racks within the community and should be able to provide his findings soon.

Rib Mountain Drive Phase II – Scott informed the Committee the Town is moving forward with real estate acquisitions. Construction is still on schedule to begin in 2017. Parrot Lane will under reconstructions this summer. If costs come within budget parameters, a sidewalk will be added from the corner of Rib Mountain Drive east on Parrot Ln to the driveway entrance of Hobby Lobby. The Red Bud Rd reconstruction has been moved up a few months due to the re-pavement of County Highway N.

Granite Peak Updates – Gaylene Rhoden stated there has been no updates.

Old Business –

Bike Route Signs – Scott Turner provided a larger scale Town map and asked members mark-up the map where signage should be installed. Chairman Larson also presented a colored bike route map as tool for the suggested location of said signage.

Bike Racks in Rib Mountain – Chairman Larson re iterated Andrew was stilling inventorying the rack locations.

Kocourek Shelter – Gaylen Rhoden stated she has been contacted by Keith Kocourek’s assistant, Marcie who has arranged a meeting on the discussion of a shelter for next week. She very positive this project will be completed this year.

State Park Access – It was noted, no real action has taken place. Committee members would like to keep this item on the agenda for future discussion. According to Rib Mountain State Park Manager, these access points are classified as volunteer trails. In future discussions, some members would like to see these areas more visible to the community and if the State Park is responsible for maintaining their upkeep.

Bike Ordinances – Mark Clark will continue to work on this project.

Approval to recommend adoption of MPO plan to Public Safety – Administrator Rhoden stated the chairman of Public Safety is out of Town until next month. **Motion by Beatty/Wisnewski to recommend approval for the adoption of the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Questioned and carried 7:0.**

Discussion of Bike Parking Ordinance – Mr. Turner stated that Fred Heier had provided a bike parking ordinance from the City of Madison. While the Town may not use this particular ordinance, the Town has the option of creating one should the Committee want to pursue this avenue. The ordinance would be used as a tool during the site view plan process when a new development may enter Rib Mountain.

Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Clark to adjourn at 8:33 a.m. Questioned and carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting date is February 18, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by
Michelle Peter, Deputy Clerk