

**RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**April 18, 2019**

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Brauer, John Beatty, Mark Clark and Curt Deininger.

Staff attendance included Street Superintendent Scott Turner, and Town Clerk Joanne Ruechel.

Safety Moment- Chairman Larson reminded everyone to promote safety issues to other people.

Minutes: **Motion by Clark/Deninger to approve the February 22, 2019 minutes. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

**Reports:**

Park Commission – Chairman Larson reported that this week is the Easter Egg hunt in the Town and it is going well. An additional 19 acres of land was recently donated and it is adjacent to the dog park. The land will be used as parkland.

Metro – The last MPO meeting was cancelled.

**Staff Reports from Scott/Gaylene:**

Granite Peak Updates – No report.

Trillium Trail – Superintendent Turner reported that the Town has 5 easements have been obtained and that one more easement needs signatures. Construction is set to begin after Thanksgiving 2019 and the trail will open in July of 2020.

Superintendent Turner reported that the Public Works crew will be paving the shoulders on Trillium Lane north of Clover Rd. A 10 foot wide trail will be installed between creek by the training tower to South Mountain Rd. Light beacons will be installed on County Road “N” in 2020.

It was mentioned that the Town is looking to install fencing around a storm water management pond near the Bittersweet trail. There’s a concern about children riding off of the trail and into the pond.

The damage to the Highway 51 bike trail has been fixed. The tunnel off of County Road R is closed to fix leaks in the tunnel.

**Old Business:**

Discussion of H.E.A.L. Walking Audit Final Report- Supervisor Turner stated that the walking audit was done last fall. There were a few small things that were addressed and fixed already. The truncated domes for visually impaired people are not all ideally placed, but we have them in the best practical location. The audible pedestrian signals were also addressed. We have almost all of the funding to put the signals in at the intersections of Robin Lane and Hummingbird Drive and Robin Lane and Rib Mountain Drive.

Updates of bike prioritization List –The maps have been updated and Superintendent Turner will send out the maps once they are completed.

Bike ordinance status – The bike ordinance is still being worked on by Superintendent Turner and Supervisor Klein. The Committee discussed updating the ordinance for e-bikes.

Bike Rack – Chairman Larson contacted Briq's soft serve and Michael's supper club to put bike rack's in front of their businesses. Neither one of them have responded to her yet. It was decided not to put a bike rack at the dog park.

Future Video for Trillium-Include Construction- This is on the agenda as a reminder for next year.

Morning Glory/Lilac development and street plans- Superintendent Turner reported that the traffic count report has been completed. We should have the concept plans back within the next couple of weeks. Culvers will be constructed in 2019 and the lift station will be moved. Superintendent Turner is not sure what type of signage will be placed for the intersection of Lilac Ave and the access rd. It will be difficult for walkers and bikers to navigate under heavy traffic. .

The Commission discussed if they will have any input into the traffic plans for this area. Superintendent Turner stated that so far, there has only been a traffic count done in this area. He's going to be asking about bike and walking paths in this area and taking them into account on the concept plans.

Bike Maps- This was discussed as a prior item.

#### **New Business -**

Bike rodeo planning- Mark Clark stated that he does not have a date for the bike rodeo yet. He's trying to contact the Director of the summer recreation program to schedule the bike rodeo. When it has been scheduled, Staff will put an item in the Town Beat newsletter.

May bike month (May 8 Bike or Walk to School Day, May 13-17 Bike to Work Week and May 17 Bike to Work Day- Chairman Larson will get a flyer and Superintendent Turner will post the flyer on Facebook.

**Report from Members** – John Beatty questioned why this group was not contacted for input on the new residential development on Oriole Lane. He would also like to request that the Marathon County Sheriff's Department be more visible in Rib Mountain to enforce speeding laws. Superintendent Turner will ask Code Enforcement Officer Nitzke to work on speed enforcement.

The Commission discussed if we still have a portable speed sign to alert people if they are speeding. We do have one and we rotate it around the Town.

Chairman Larson spoke about the Iron Bull bike race that she is trying to set up. It would be a gravel bike race and will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. She would like to use the quarry trail in the state park for the race.

**Items for Town Board** – Nothing at this time.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be on May 16, 2019.

**Adjourn: Motion by Beatty/Clark to adjourn at 8:24 a.m. Questioned and carried 5:0.**

Submitted by  
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Clerk