

MINUTES
BIKE, PEDESTRIAN, AND TRAILS COMMISSION
June 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Gworek called the in-person/virtual meeting to order at 6:00 pm on June 27, 2022, in Room 1 at Town Hall.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

BPTC Members: Matt Gworek, Chairperson
 Michael Gorman, Member
 Niki Delson, Member
 David Clair, Member

Town Staff Present: Kevin Schorzman, Staff Liaison
 Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Matt ***moved*** to approve the Bike, Pedestrian, and Trail Commission meeting minutes from June 6, 2022. David ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present, not on the agenda, to address the Commission.

PLANNING FOR AUGUST FIRST FRIDAY

Matt confirmed that the Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Commission will host a table at the August First Friday which will include a light or bell giveaway. He thanked David for his efforts in tracking down inventory possibilities and noted that he spoke with Basalt Bike and Ski, and they are willing to sell the Commission a basic light at a 10 or 15% discount. He calculated that the cost of one light would be approximately \$13.00 but noted that there would also be the added cost of batteries – the average of a rechargeable item would be approximately \$25.00 -- bringing the approximate total cost for each light to \$15.00. Matt pointed out that they have \$750.00 budgeted, and they could purchase 50 lights that need batteries versus 30 for a rechargeable item. He commented that his inclination would be to have more items to give away and noted that he preferred to stick with just handing out lights versus handing out lights and bells.

Michael asked about the possibility of having something imprinted on the items as mentioned in the last meeting's minutes.

Matt replied that David had found some products that could be imprinted but it would be through a mail order provider rather than a local business.

David added that he was also concerned about the quality of the items that could be imprinted.

Niki reminded the commission members that CAFCI gave away bells and required that they be installed, as well. She noted that they also handed out bike safety cards in both English and Spanish.

Matt pointed out that they could get a basic bell for approximately \$11.00 each.

Niki suggested giving away lights at the first event and if they decide to do a second, they could give away bells.

Michael and Niki preferred to go with the higher quality item.

David pointed out that there is only enough money in the budget for one event.

Niki commented that there may be a possible donation later in the season that would provide the capital to have a second event.

Matt asked if CAFCI only installed the bells on kids' bikes. He also asked how they disseminated the event information.

Niki replied that they installed the bells on the bikes of everyone who showed up. She added that in addition to word of mouth, they wrote a Letter to the Editor published in the Sopris Sun, they posted information on the Carbondale Facebook page and Scuttlebutt and had an announcement run on KDNK.

Matt agreed to help with the messaging but also encouraged everyone to spread the word.

David added that he has two options for the wheel – a “canned” wheel from RFTA and he is also working on something involving a real wheel. He asked if the commission members preferred to use the messaging as a means of education, or if they would also like to use the wheel to limit who was given a light.

Matt thought it best to stick with the messaging and asked if David needed any help.

David asked for help with the messaging to make sure it stays consistent with what has already been disseminated. He suggested that in tandem with the wheel, he could do an activity board that had the primary message printed on a door that could be opened to display bullet points on why the primary message was important.

Michael listed the primary messaging to date:

- Be Aware
- Be Seen

- Be Mindful
- Be Safe

Niki suggested “Be Predictable.”

Matt suggested bullet points for “Be Aware” include:

- Leave the sidewalks for pedestrians
- To protect children
- Wear a Helmet (to protect your brain)
- Announce that you are passing

David suggested under “Be Aware” to also include driver safety tips such as not talking on your cell phone. He added that there will be 14 spots on the wheel.

Kevin liked David’s idea about using the wheel to interact with people visiting the table. He suggested that rather than using the wheel to limit who received a light, to challenge them to answer what the bullet points mean – if they answer correctly, they immediately can have the light installed on their bike, but if they don’t, they could read the bullet points under the door and then answer the query after which they would get the light installed on their bike.

Michael liked that suggestion and noted that it solidifies the education component.

Niki suggested asking interested parties if there are locations in town that they perceive as unsafe.

Matt acknowledged that Niki is currently spending time taking the Walking College and Laurie is working on the grant. He noted that he plans to man the table at the August 5th First Friday beginning at approximately 5:30 and going until 7:30 and encouraged the other commission members to plan to commit some time to be there, as well.

Niki suggested asking the Police Department if there would be officers interested in helping install the lights on bikes.

Michael indicated that he plans to be there.

Kevin appreciated the effort that has gone into the planning for this event. He suggested adding “while supplies last” to the messaging.

David asked if verbiage for the messaging could be emailed to everyone, so it is consistent.

OTHER COMMENTS

Niki reminded the commission members that the 1st/Last Mile and WeCycle will be discussed at the June 28th Board of Trustees meeting. She explained that RFTA’s report has a lot of information and encouraged the commission members to read it

(it is part of the Board of Trustees meeting packet). She added that CAFCI wasn't totally in favor of the proposal as presented to the Commission because it doesn't serve the older adult or youth population. She asked if the BPTC wants to have a voice.

Matt didn't think any decisions would be made at the BOT meeting.

Niki commented that the decision on 8th Street was essentially a stand-alone process. She thought the plan for the 1st/Last Mile should be folded into the Transportation Master Plan and would hate to see decisions made about this without thoughtful consideration about Carbondale's transportation future.

David pointed out that the Bike-to-Work Day was well organized and indicated a willingness contact the point person to see if they have items the BPTC could use. He suggested repainting the stencils on the downtown sidewalks.

Kevin noted that he would add repainting the stencils to the worklist.

David added that visuals on the signs might also be helpful. He also pointed out that the signage is pointed away from the sidewalks and into the street, so it is less likely that a cyclist riding on the sidewalk would see it. He suggested possibly placing them on the stop signs.

Kevin reminded the commission members that there are regulations on what can be posted on stop signs.

Niki noted that in the last three months there have been three accidents involving pedestrians or bikes while crossing Highway 133.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 27, 2022, regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be scheduled for August 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kae McDonald