

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL ROOM 302A
10 N. DIVISION STREET
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49014
THURSDAY, February 18, 2016
3:00 PM**

Members Present: Commissioners Dave Walters and Andy Helmboldt, Chris Dopp, Stacey Schueler, Mike Wood, Mike Miller, John Macfarlane, and Sam Gray

Absent: Kevin Smith, Blewett Smyth, Rod Burke, Chuck Donnell, Lt. Steve Bush, Bill Dugan, Chad Curtis

Staff: Victoria Houser, City Clerk

A. Call to Order/Recognition of Quorum

Mayor Walters called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm, noting a quorum was not present.

B. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

C. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sam Gray, supported by Mike Wood, to approve the January 21, 2016 meeting minutes. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

D. Committee Membership Update

Mayor Walters informed the Committee that Rod Burke was not able to continue to serve on the Committee due to other commitments. Mayor Walters stated Dr. Bandeen has expressed an interest, but has not committed yet, stating he would represent a local business. Mayor Walters also noted they would like to add a Ward 1 member, stating Mr. Curtis has not been able to attend recently. Mayor Walters stated he would attend the NPC meetings for Ward 1 residents and inquire whether anyone was interested.

Comm. Helmboldt stated he would contact Mr. Curtis to determine his intentions. Comm. Helmboldt stated he would attend the Ward 3 NPC meetings and let them know they were looking for new members. Comm. Helmboldt also agreed to be the Ward 3 representative.

Chris Dopp stated he would bring the new City Engineer, Carl Fedders, to the next meeting, stating he would take Mr. Dopp's position on the Committee.

E. Bicycle Month Events

Committee members discussed the Bike to Work Day event, agreeing the event would start at Culver's Restaurant on Beckley Road, ending at the Kellogg Headquarters. Committee members also agreed to only one route this year, noting the North route has had very little participation the last two years.

Committee members discussed a "Slow Roll" event, proposing May 2, 2016 and May 16, 2016, both Mondays. Committee members determined the "Slow Roll" would start at the Kool Family Center (formerly Burnham Brook) at 5:00 pm with a slow, leisurely ride through local neighborhoods or on the Linear Trail.

Comm. Helmboldt agreed to contact Fremont Elementary to encourage participation on Bike to School Day, May 4, 2016. Committee members agreed to contact other local school principals to encourage participation.

Committee Discussion

Mayor Walters informed the Committee the ordinance changes relative to cyclists were approved at the last Commission meeting, noting there was no opposition to the adoption of the ordinance amendments.

Mike Wood provided an update on the "End of the Winter Festival" taking place Thursday, February 25, 2016 through Saturday, February 27, 2016. Mr. Wood noted the event would start at Team Active on Thursday and Friday, with a party at Binder Park Golf Course on Saturday starting at noon. Mr. Wood stated they have cut a trail around some of the golf course for bikes, approximately 1 ½ mile.

Mr. Macfarlane stated the grant request he submitted to the Battle Creek Community Foundation has been tabled until April, stating they have requested additional information.

Mayor Walters informed the Committee that the Sunrise Rotary Club has requested a presentation of the Battle Creek White Water organization.

F. Next Meeting: March 17, 2016 at 3:00 Room 302A

G. Adjournment: Comm. Walters adjourned the meeting at 3:36 pm.