

**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
150 S. KENDALL STREET  
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49014  
THURSDAY, April 21, 2016  
3:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Dave Walters and Andy Humboldt, Kevin Smith, Blewit Smyth, Mike Wood, Mike Miller, Carl Fedders

**Absent:** John Macfarlane, Stacey Schuler, Chuck Donnell, Lt. Steve Bush, Bill Dugan, Sam Gray and Chad Curtis

**Staff:** Victoria Houser, City Clerk

**Guests:** Brad Wise, BCPD Detective and Craig Wolfe, Patrol Officer

**A. Call to Order/Recognition of Quorum**

Mayor Walters called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm, noting a quorum was not present.

**B. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** The approval of the March 17, 2016 meeting minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

**D. Battle Creek Police Department and Lakeview High School Cycling Safety Collaboration**

Detective Wise discussed a partnership with Lakeview High School to produce a video of safety ideas for motorists and cyclists. Detective Wise expressed the Department's desire to meet the 5 E's of the League of Cyclist, also ensuring an environment that allows residents to live, work and play safely.

Officer Wolfe stated they would begin their work on the videos the following week.

Mayor Walters thank Detective Wise and Officer Wolfe for taking an active role in safety for all cyclists. Mayor Walters also stated there has been a lot of dialogue between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, discussing ways to work together.

**E. Kalamazoo River Valley Trail Presentation**

Toni Thompson and Melody Daacon, KRV Trail Campaign representatives, discussed the progress of the KVR trail, noting future work that was still needed.

Ms. Thompson discussed the many municipality partnerships along the trail, also noting an endowment fund has been established for future maintenance of the trail. Ms. Thompson stated there were 35 easements that needed to be worked through in order to make the project work, stating they would prefer to follow the river, noting this is not always possible.

Ms. Daacon discussed the organizations and agencies who have already committed to the project, including Eaton, Borgess and Denso.

**F. Bicycle Month Events**

Mayor Walters recapped the cycling events for May 2016, noting all participants should wear a helmet.

- SWMMBA Fort Custer Stampede – May 1, 2016 – information at [bikefortcuster.com](http://bikefortcuster.com)
  - Race Categories include: Elite, Expert, Sport, Sport Single Speed, Fat Tire, Tandem, Beginner Single Speed and Kids
  - Race Times: Elite @ 10:00am, Expert @ 11:00am, Sport @ 12:30pm, Beginner @ 1:45pm and Kids @ 11:00am
- Slow Roll Monday, May 2, 2015 @ 5:00pm at The Kool Center
- Bike to School Day Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- Federal Center – Cycling Safety Lunch-n-Learn May 5, 2016
- Women’s Personal Safety while Cycling Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 5:00pm at Team Active
- Slow Roll Monday, May 16, 2016 @ 5:00pm at The Kool Center
- Ride of Silence Wednesday, May 18, 2016 7:00 pm– Start at Willard Beach
- Bike to Work Day Friday, May 20, 2016 @ 7:30 am - Start at Culver’s Restaurant on Beckley Road, ending at Kellogg Headquarters
- Spring into the Arts – Friday, May 20, 2016 – Enjoy an evening of Art downtown Battle Creek
- Veteran Benefit Drive from South Haven to Port Huron on May 26, 2016 to May 30, 2016

**Committee Discussion**

Mr. Smyth complimented the new landscaping at Willard Beach.

Mr. Fedders informed the Committee that a grant has been submitted to include bike lanes on Lafayette Street.

Officer Wolfe stated he recently rode on the Linear Park, stating it was in very good shape.

Mr. Smith stated the Parks & Recreation Department would be providing water for the Ride of Silence and Bike to Work Day events.

**Next Meeting:** May 19, 2016 at 3:00 Room 302A

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