

Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
October 4, 2017 at 4:00pm
Village Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mike Ventola, John Bouldry, Tom Campbell, Melissa Watford, Mark Wagner, Stephen Wensman.

Absent: None

Guests: Paul Sale (potential appointee to committee), Nicole Benbow

1. Mark introduced Stephen Wensman, Village Planner as a new committee member, filling the seat previously held by Kevin Reed. Also introduced Nicole Benbow, Recreation Program Coordinator for the Village who was in attendance.
2. Melissa was recently re-appointed for a new three year term at the last Council meeting. There remains one vacant seat on the committee which was vacated by Bob Farren who chose not to return after being part of the previous Greenway Committee and then BPAC when it was formed. Bob had served on these committees since 2003.
3. Mark discussed three potential projects that the Council discussed at their recent meeting that are being proposed along NCDOT right of way. If approved for funding by NCDOT, this would be an 80/20 match where the Village would have to agree to fund 20% of the project cost and NCDOT would cover the other 80%. The projects were a 5,900lf path along Midland Road in which the Village portion would be \$92,191; a 4,300lf sidewalk along Murdocksville Road in which the Village portion would be \$77,820; and a 2,700lf path along Airport Road in which the Village portion would be \$42,190.
 - a. Melissa wanted to know which side of the road would the Midland Rd. project be located on. That has yet to be determined according to Mark and John Bouldry. Mark and Tom also mentioned that they had ridden around the Traffic Circle to see if options remained to install a path around it versus going through Pinehurst Trace to connect with either Airport Road or Midland.
 - b. Mr. Bouldry gave an update about his meetings with NCDOT Division 8 and their plans regarding the traffic circle. They have gone from 10 designs down to 4 that are now being considered. He didn't believe any bicycle/pedestrian considerations were included in those designs but that were still going to be opportunities for public input and discussion as those design continue to be looked at and updated.

4. Mark updated everyone on the current fiscal year funding (\$400,000) that is on hold. These funds were intended for sidewalks in the Lake Pinehurst area but it's not likely they will be spent this year per the direction of the Council and Manager.

5. Mark did ask everyone to come prepared to suggest some potential projects that could be presented to the Manager/Council for their consideration at the upcoming budget retreat in December. This was a request from the Manager in the event that the Council wanted to have some options for the allocated funds in the last half of the current fiscal year ending in June. Below is a listing of the suggested projects from the committee:
 - a. Melissa W.
 - i. Connections with Southern Pines & Aberdeen
 - ii. Page Road – Bicycle shared lane or bike lane/shoulder
 - b. Tom C.
 - i. Purchase the lot in No. 6 at the end of Sakonnet Trail/Hillard Road. (Mark looked at this lot and it is actually owned by Moore County so maybe an easement for a trail can be explored instead of purchase)
 - ii. Wanted to make a point that he wishes we went forward with projects/sidewalks for safety purposes to get people, joggers, strollers off of roads.
 - iii. Traffic signal at Ritter Rd./Hwy 5 - \$52,100
 - iv. Spring Lake Dr/15/501 Crossing - \$52,100
 - v. Painted crosswalk Spring Lake/Porkchop - \$2,750
 - vi. Lake Hills Dr./Monticello Cross Walk - \$9,950
 - vii. Greenway – Pine Vista to Sandy Woods Farm Rd. - \$835,770
 - viii. Sidewalk – Longleaf Dr. to Gun Club Rd. - \$184,000
 - ix. Sidewalk – Hillard Rd. from McDiarmid to Turner - \$21,750
 - x. Sidewalk – Airport to Hillard - \$102,950
 - xi. Sidewalk – NC5 from Morganton to Monticello - \$168,650
 - c. Mike V.
 - i. Asked about a Mountain Bike Trail at West Pinehurst Park as a possibility
 - ii. Page Road bicycle path between 211 and Memorial Drive.
 - iii. Page Road – improving the existing path between 211 and Hwy. 2
 - iv. Chicken Plant Road – Shoulder improvements to create a side path for bikes
 - v. Hwy. 5 bike path out to Hwy. 211
 - d. Mark W.
 - i. Hwy. 5 crossing at Ritter Road needs a signaled crossing - \$52,100
 - ii. Greenway at 15/501 extended to Page Road - \$86,580
 - iii. Sidewalks – Memorial Drive/1st Health Campus - \$152,250 (3 sections)
 - e. Nicole B.
 - i. Mentioned request for Mountain Bike Trail at W. Pinehurst Park

- ii. Kids Bike Park – help build skills, abilities, reinforce safety
 - 1. Let group know about the Bike Club she’s formed with Pinehurst Elementary School and what they are doing currently at Wicker Park
- 6. Paul Sale mentioned the criticality of connectivity for the Village. He counted 40 people either walking or biking on a recent day while riding his bike. He felt there was a need for additional wayfinding signage downtown and along the trails. Give users an idea of where they are and how to get to businesses, parks, downtown, etc. while they are using the trails, paths, sidewalks, etc.
- 7. Mike V. agreed that that connectivity is worth fighting for and again mentioned the need for something along Hwy. 5 out to 211. Connect businesses to homes. Page Road to Hwy 2 to Hwy 211. Mentioned the trail connecting Wicker Park to the sidewalk on Hwy 211 needs to be reworked so it’s a smoother transition for cyclists and has a curve in it versus a straight tie in.
- 8. Tom reminded everyone of the next meeting planned for Wednesday, December 6th 2017 at 4:00pm in the Council Conference Room.
- 9. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:14pm.