



CITY OF GAHANNA

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Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee Meeting
August 24, 2015

Attendees: Tom Litzkay, Andy Piccolantonio, Troy Euton, Kate Moening, Mike Musser, Rob Priestas, Eric Kristofic, Dave Drumm, Tricia Kovacs, Dave Jeffords, Steve Simeon, Paul Smith, Jay Mantle

Introductions

Big Walnut Trail/Safe Routes to School Project Updates

- Big Walnut Trail Section 5: Preconstruction meeting last Thursday/Columbus Asphalt think they can finish the job on time, no big issues. Tom walked and stopped a few folks walking, who thought it was a great idea. Boardwalk may stay; Apt. complex may go in on near the Creekside/Golf Course Area.
- SRTS: Bulk of project is done, constructor is cleaning up. Reviewed some photos of the Cherrybottom and Heil Rd.
- Flint Ridge rebuild: Complete street rebuild, checked out pictures Kate took. City street improvements will all include sidewalks.
- Tech Center paint will go down soon. Bike path on Taylor/Tech Center fixed too.

Hops and Vines: Bike Rack Installation options – Public properties, need 3 for each rack.

Ideas:

- *Creekside Plaza (upper plaza)
- *Town and High across from Sanctuary by public lot
- Pizzurro Park (Dog park, dog)
- *Ohio Herb Education Center (flower)
- Veterans Park
- *Behind Creekside Café off bike trail
- Academy Park



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- Headley Park
- Hannah Park
- Friendship Park

Community Outreach ideas/discussion

- Council Communication – Troy will automatically forward BTAC notes to council, parks board members for review on regular basis.
- Policy Example – MVRPC, adopting a public participation policy – asking for public input on draft plan. Reviewed the TOC. Service has their internal protocols based on grants/funding requirements. Service has standard practice to include public input in all their projects. No policy or standardization.
- TROY: BTAC Protocol for transportation projects and bike/ped projects – putting together a protocol for public input and communication between city, committee, and public in a standardized format.
- ACTION: Distribute MVRPC Policy link to Committee to review. Discuss possible policy/protocol at next meeting.
- ACTION: BTAC Plans a couple public meetings in 2016 to gather info, impart and educate community. Other work besides BWT that could be addressed.
- Parks & Rec Levy – starting petition campaign in next couple weeks to put on ballot for March 15, 2016. Citizens for Gahanna is a FB page.
- TOM: Feb/March – public safety input process – still with P&R staff, will share with Rob and report out at later date.
- TRICIA QUESTION: do other cities have a public input policy or process?

New Business

KATE IDEA: Advance bike parking with business community; request businesses and developers to consider adding to their properties. Kroger, Post Office, Library, New Hamilton Rd. retail.

Rapid Flashing Beacons to be located in Gahanna: New sidewalks/crosswalks by new park property started discussion on locations for RFBs for MORPC grant Rob is writing. Parks, schools, some church areas may be considered.

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