CITY OF GAHANNA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Gahanna Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee
April 24, 2017, 6-7pm Gahanna City Hall

Attendees: Jeff Barr, Rob Priestas, Kate Moening, Tricia Kovacs, Eric Kristofic, Jay Mantle, Regina Wilson (guest)

Introductions – Regina Wilson, citizen

Big Walnut Creek Updates – Jeff

- Section 4: Rob report: Stage 1 plans complete: met with Stoneybrook church for easement; will be hosting public open house at the church, date to be determined. BTAC assistance will be requested when the meeting is scheduled.

- Section 8: will be next section, goal of P&R to apply for next grant round with Clean Ohio/RTP in next round.

P&R Staffing update– Jeff – Deputy Director second round interviews this week- will be in place soon. Brian Gill promoted to Recreation Superintendent, interviewing for Aquatics Supervisor, to be filled by June 1.

Engineering Updates:

- Hamilton Rd. Infra project update – Rob – working on Multi use trail now, done by mid-June.
- Sidewalk on Rocky Fork N – hope to start mid-May.
- Small trail on Shull Rd. connecting two cul-de-sacs connecting to bike trails on Morse Rd., potentially starting in May
- New Albany roundabout – trail under Johnstown to New Albany/Gahanna connection complete.
- QU – Tricia – connecting Foxboro Pool neighborhood to trail – suggest riding sidewalk on east side of Hamilton to roundabout, cross to multiuse trail. **ACTION: Take "Trail Ends" sign down near the pool. Maybe ultimately sign anticipating Hamilton Rd. connections north of Morse.**
- Tricia: new side path in Whitehall to Whitehall Park – can we get a connection from Tech Center along Hamilton (by golf course) to Whitehall Park. Railroad Bridge is a barrier. Brad Westall/City of Columbus is in discussion with Jeff/Rob and Shannon/Whitehall.

Bike/Ped Events and Education:

- Pedal & Smile Rides update: First one Sunday 4/23: 2 people attended. Will be sharing the invitation and map – send info to Jeff. Planning Historic Ride in July with Historic Society. Will promote rides through City and BTAC.
- Bike to Work day – May 19, Tricia leading a group from Veterans Park to Columbus City Hall. Leaving at 7am.
- Hamilton Rd. – Ribbon Cutting planned, info TBD. BTAC can be involved when being planned.
- YouTube Ride Series: Plan to do some with GoPros/Drones to highlight bike access/safety in Gahanna. TBD project.

- City Website Update: Jeff – Developing a new website: Jeff wants to have BWT easy to view, graphics/highlight on P&R landing page. Digital is the consultant, moving quickly.

East/West Corridors, Small Projects, External connections- Map, Discussion, Next Steps outlined

- Jeff: wants to identify priorities per population, safety, etc. for East/West corridors. How do we bring in neighborhoods that are more densely populated, multiunit/apartments, etc. and connect them to the trail connections to/from them?
- Sycamore Run Park behind new condos to Larry Lane: had time securing easements, one owner is holding out. With Hamilton Rd. connection existing there is less priority for this.
- Small Projects: how do we reevaluate/rerank? **ACTION: Tricia will send out "small Projects" list to the group to review/refine: will discuss these as time allows after E/W corridor discussion.**
- **ACTION: East West Corridors: Next meeting, focus on review and refining corridors. Kate will work with Jeff/Rob/GI Joe to get maps for next meeting.**

Next Meeting: May 22, 2017, 6pm Gahanna City Hall