

# BICYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes for March 7th, 2019

**Commission Present** : Matt Paddock, Liz Schleeper, Greg Reck, Stewart Strothers

**City Staff present** : Paul Fillion, Amy Inman, John Stevenson, Rob Brown, Olga Beltsar, Jasmine Duncan

### I. Agenda Overview, Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Minutes approved

### II. Granby Street Bridge Project

- Construction bids came in about double from the engineering estimate and going out to rebid. The southbound Granby bike lane will most likely be closed for about one year during construction. Three community meetings planned with the first starting March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project details with the public. The plan is to replace the bike facility “as is” after bridge refurbishment.
- For the Granby Street bike lane project, no date was identified or scheduled for the community/public meetings. Concerns were raised that public meetings were set for the bridge work but not Granby bike lane project.
- Matt concerned that traffic studies may age and may not support the project but Olga responded that the section from Bayview to Oceanview is not a high growth area, so traffic data collected would still be relevant.
- There was a suggestion for common talking points on what plans were for Granby and Matt mentioned that the bike/ped members want to be more involved.

### III. Bike Month Planned Events

- Rachel McCall shared a matrix she developed on May Bike month events and highlighted some of the activities
- Rachel mentioned the need for more city wide events and rides
- A possible Ocean View ride was mentioned include use of new bike lanes.
- Gordon Jones offered the idea of a city sponsored and police escorted ride to Oceanview.
- Suggestions were made for the City to provide resources to bring rides/events to other parts of the City
- Cyclocross training for Rust bucket events could also be a possibility in May

### IV. Bike Expo at the Slover

- Rachel McCall leading efforts again the year for a bike Expo at the Slover Library on Tues May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM- 7:30 PM
- Greg Reck motioned for the Bike/Ped Commission to co-sponsor the Bike Expo this year
- Bike Norfolk will have a table, along with City of Norfolk, and Regional Bike groups such as BOAT trail reps and need to invite them
- Registration will be Google forms and Rachel will send to team and current bike distribution lists and groups

### V. Pace Bike Share Re-Launch

- Invite for Pace ride Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> sent out to team
- Pace Fee structure, off station parking fee, subscription options, with possible news stations shared with team.
- Same six sponsors as last year with new Allstate sponsor to cover remaining stations and celebration in April.

### VI. General Issues / Public Comments

- Dane Gomez mentioned observed safety issue with speeding around SouthHampton/Riverview lofts and Sentara complex in Fort Norfolk. John Stevenson offered to review the area for appropriate signage.
- Rachel McCall shared observed pedestrian safety concerns near the Bank Street entrance to the MacArthur center and suggested “yield to pedestrian” type signage. There was also a recommendation to review or possibly delay the traffic signal for those driving and making a left turn in the area to accommodate safer pedestrian crossings. John Stevenson offered to review this area as well.
- Greg mentioned the need for a stop bar/green paint needed to accommodate crossings around the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> street and northbound Hampton area. John Stevenson offered to review this area too for possible improvements linked to a potentially blind corner.
- Greg Reck recommended future bike/ped agenda items be added to the agenda to share the status of funding for bike/ped activities, capital improvement budgets and ability to discuss with city council and talk about budgets ahead of time. He also mentioned repaving schedule was able to be reviewed from the city website and ok. It was also mentioned that the Safe routes to School program be integrated with the City Street resurfacing.