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The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met on March 17, 2016 at The Greater Clark Foundation, 204 Floyd Clay Drive, Winchester, Kentucky at 10:00AM.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Stephen M. Berry, GISP, Clark County GIS, Walk-Bike Clark County
Ms. Olivia Whitman, Clark County Health Department
Ms. Beth Jones, Greater Clark Foundation
Ms. Linda Barrett, Citizen
Ms. Bobbie Newell, Citizen
Mr. Jon Walker, Citizen
Mr. Bill Esarey, Citizen
Ms. Cindy Juett, Citizen
Ms. Katya Neises, Citizen
Mr. Gary Epperson, Citizen
Ms. Cindy Banks, Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Clare Sipple, Bluegrass Trails and Greenways
Mr. Matt Belcher, City Manager, City of Winchester

Session Content:

Stephen Berry stated that the BPAC had met on February 26, 2016 and had discussed goals. The meeting was facilitated by Ann Steedly of Planning Communities. The result of the meeting was a list of goals to use in the Walk-Bike Plan. These goals included amenities, sustained funding and community support, accessibility, aesthetics, tourism, connections and destinations, and signage. He stated that Beth Jones, Olivia Whitman, and Stephen Berry had reviewed the goals and created goal statements for each goal.

Draft Goals Statements

Amenities

Goal: The amenities in Winchester and Clark County will provide desirable and useful features to places and destinations in the community.

Sustained funding, educated community and plan champions

Goal: The implementation of a transportation plan will be successful with sustained funding, an educated community, and committed grassroots and local leader champions.

Accessibility to diverse users/populations

Goal: Winchester and Clark County will provide reliable, efficient, and interconnected routes between our destinations and neighborhoods for all modes of transportation- bicycles, motorized vehicles, walking and wheelchairs.

Aesthetics and community identity

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Goal: Winchester and Clark County will design features and infrastructure that are visually pleasing and responsive to local culture.

Tourism

Goal: Improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure will make our community a more desirable destination for bicycling travelers, outdoor recreation, and other visitors.

Connections and destinations

Goal: Winchester and Clark County residents and visitors can safely use active transportation to access destinations and different parts of town.

Signage, infrastructure

Goal: Coordinated and improved signage in Winchester and Clark County will enhance aesthetics and provide safe and reliable information to travelers.

Mr. Berry stated that the group would now consider how to measure the success of the goals. He also asked if "Improved Health" should not be included as a goal. He stated that this is an aspect of the plan that has been assumed, but not explicitly included as a goal. The group decided to add "Improved Health" to the goals of the plan.

The attendees were divided into working groups to consider measurement of the goals. Each group was instructed to consider each goal, and think of a way that the goal could be measured. One example was: "Number of bicyclists commuting to parks". There was concern over the capacity of the BPAC to provide baseline measurements. Mr. Berry stated that the ability of BPAC to monitor certain performance measures would be taken into consideration, before inclusion in the plan.

Each group was given 15 minutes to consider performance measures. Mr. Berry stated that Ms. Jones, Ms. Whitman, and Mr. Berry would compile these measures and assign them to the appropriate goals for consideration at the next meeting.

Ms. Barrett requested that the BPAC consider the "Imagine A Trail" event location. She stated that this event would be held May 14, 2016. She stated that the planning group has considered a 1,200 foot section of trail from Wiseman Park to Fulton Road as the location for this event. She stated that the City maintains this portion of abandoned rail bed. She also stated that she assumed that the City could grant permission based on their maintenance of the proposed event location. Mr. Belcher stated that he was not aware that the City of Winchester mowed or maintained the location. He stated that the City of Winchester could not endorse the event at the Wiseman Park location, because the portion of abandoned railroad right-of-way was privately owned. He stated that the City had no jurisdiction, and could not defend against any trespassing complaints.

Mr. Walker stated that Bluegrass Trails and Greenways was working with the City of Winchester to acquire an easement, along US60 (Mt. Sterling Road) from the Veterans Memorial Parkway to Lykins Park. He stated that this may be a good, alternate location for the "Imagine A Trail" event. Mr. Belcher suggested that the BPAC consider Community Park as the event location. He stated that the City has applied for a Recreational Trails Program Grant, and that this event might draw public attention to the

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project. Ms. Barrett stated that the event planning group would do sight visits at the Lykins Park and Community Park locations and make a decision on the "Imagine A Trail" location.

Mr. Berry stated that the BPAC would be holding a design meeting with the Clark County 4-H Teen Leadership Club on March 17, 2016 to collect youth input into the plan. He stated that the BPAC would be presenting an update on the Walk-Bike Plan to the Clark County Fiscal Court on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. He also stated that Walk-Bike Clark County will be continuing to host guided bicycle tours for the Wellness Challenge. He suggested that the BPAC do a bike ride as a BPAC meet-up in April.

Next BPAC Meeting: April 21, 2016. Location: TBD