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The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met on June 23, 2016 at The Greater Clark Foundation, 204 Floyd Clay Dr, Winchester, Kentucky at 10:00AM.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Stephen M. Berry, GISP, Clark County GIS, Walk-Bike Clark County
Ms. Beth Jones, Greater Clark Foundation
Ms. Linda Barrett, Citizen
Ms. Cindy Juett, Citizen
Mr. Don Cartwright, Bluegrass Cycling Club, Citizen
Mr. Chris Chaney, Bluegrass Area Development District
Mr. Jeff Lewis, Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation
Ms. Cindy Banks, Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce

Session Content:

Stephen Berry stated that the BPAC had met with Bluegrass Trails and Greenways, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and Bluegrass Area Development District to discuss strategies related to railroad right of way acquisition. He stated that the group discussed strategy to take advantage of opportunities that might arise in Clark County in the next couple of years. He stated that part of the walk-bike plan was to develop a rail-trail strategy to acquire abandoned railroad bed for recreational use.

Mr. Cartwright stated that the Bluegrass Cycling Club (BCC) will be doing more events and providing more support to Winchester and Walk-Bike Clark County. He stated that BCC has offered to provide and install a fix-it station for bicycles on City property. The BPAC stated that Depot Street may be the most logical place for the installation. Mr. Cartwright stated that the BCC would need an acknowledgement of gift for the station, and then once installed, the maintenance of the station would be the responsibility of the City of Winchester.

Mr. Cartwright stated that BCC will hold its annual Labor Day Ride in Winchester and Clark County on Monday, September 5, 2016. Mr. Lewis stated that College Park Gym would be made available for the ride for the lunch. Ms. Jones stated that an additional meeting, including BCC, BPAC, public safety and city manager should be scheduled to work out the safety and details of ride logistics. Mr. Berry stated that BCC should request from the Winchester City Commission that Wheeler Avenue be closed for the beginning of the event.

Ms. Jones stated that BPAC is applying for Technical Assistance from The National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. She stated that BPAC is requesting assistance in implementation of the Walk – Bike Master Plan. The NPS would provide assistance with public support, capacity building, identification of funding, and local political support. She stated that the application had been reviewed by the Kentucky Contact at NPS. She stated that the application would be sent in the next couple of days.

Mr. Berry stated that Troy Hearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, has requested "Share The Road" signs to be installed along state routes in Clark

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County. He stated that Mr. Hearn would let BPAC know which signage locations, if any, were approved for installation.

Mr. Berry stated that he received correspondence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safety Engineer in Frankfort. The email stated that the FHWA and KYTC would look at a resolution to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance of the reconstructed portion of Lexington Avenue (US60). Mr. Berry had contacted FHWA with citizen concerns about the design of sidewalks, utility pole, and handrail locations on West Lexington Ave.

Mr. Berry presented the list of projects and programs for the Winchester Clark County Pedestrian Bicycle Master Transportation Plan (The Plan). He stated that the list included the prioritized projects and programs from the May BPAC Meeting. He stated that two additional items had been added. One item was the plan for a shared-use facility in the right of way of Lexington Road (US60) to connect the Bypass Rd (KY1958) to the Fayette County Line. He stated that this would begin to regionalize the walk-bike network and allow connection to Fayette County facilities. Another program added to the list was the strategy for Rails to Trails. This would be an additional document that would guide the development of abandoned rail beds in Clark County. Ms. Jones stated that the Trail at the WMU Reservoir should be removed from the list, due to the access problem caused by leased land at that location. Ms. Jones also stated that the sidewalk and paths to GRC High School should be categorized as "Safe Routes to School" projects and listed as a group in the plan. She stated that this language may allow Winchester and Clark County to take advantage of grant programs in the future. Mr. Chaney stated that all sidewalks, bike paths, and shared use paths be referred to as "walk-bike facilities" in the plan.

Mr. Berry stated that a first draft of THE PLAN would be available for review by July 8, 2016. He stated that BPAC should host a public meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2016. He stated that this would be a presentation of the plan to the public. The BPAC group determined that the Public Meeting would include stations to explain different parts of the plan to the citizens in attendance. A proposed venue was the Leeds Theater. Mr. Berry stated that immediately after the Public Meeting, BPAC would present THE PLAN to the Winchester City Commission and Clark County Fiscal Court for approval. He stated this may or may not happen before the plan due date of August 15, 2016.

Next BPAC Meeting: July 22, 2016. Location: TBD