



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Auburn City Hall

April 27th, 2016

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Chrissy Adamowicz, Bob Rand, David Das, Jim Lysen

Staff: Gary Johnson, Rick Burnham, Ed Barrett, Kris Bennett

Guests: Abby King, Nick Kaufman

Intro, Updates, Minutes 3/23/16

Craig – There will not be an Auburn Councilor appointed to our committee at this time. Rail-To-Trail project starting to dovetail with Passenger rail as Pan Am lines are being looked at.

Gary – Gary is retiring in June. Kris is replacing him

Ed – Lisbon Street development has begun. Ed will check in on missing bike racks in Kennedy Park.

Chrissy – Applied for Healthy Communities Grant for Safe Routes to School. Some activities of coordinator position is included in grant.

Nick – With Build Maine.

Bob – Bike to Work Challenge May 20th. People who bike a lot for the four weeks following will be entered in raffle. There are two tabling sites for Bike to Work. One is Dufresne Park. Other may be Bates. May 15th is Dempsey Center Bikeapalooza for kids age 6-10. East Coast Greenway met in Lisbon and it included representatives from Lewiston to Brunswick. Topic of conversation was rail trail. Purpose of meeting was to re-energize the process. They will be meeting with more groups and statewide meeting in June. Molly from ECG will follow up with Jonathan Labonte. Looking at feasibility beyond the rail-to-trail. There may be something else such as Unitil or CMP. One obstacle has been that there is no regional GIS, just municipal and town GIS maps.

Jim – Attended AVCOG annual meeting and presentation from MDOT. Numbers of pedestrian deaths have increased statewide. City Council's first public hearing on Comprehensive Plan is next Tuesday. Complete Streets is included in the plan. Jim is hopeful plan will have strong language.

Motion by David to accept minutes from meeting held on 3/23/16, seconded by Jim. Motion passes (5-0).

Auburn Transportation and Environment Committee

This new committee is made up of three Auburn councilors. We have been encouraged to send one or more liaisons to speak with that committee about our work and discuss our relationship with them. We may wish to amend our ordinance recommendation to allow appointment of a councilor or citizen-at-large to the Complete Streets and Trails Committee. We also may wish to check in with Steve Murch, Lewiston Arborist, about Trails being in our title.

Canal Street

A concept for Canal has been developed from Main to Adams Ave. Want to make it one-lane, eliminate parking on one side, move curb out, add grass, move lights, add 8' to width of walkway. Extend that Main to Cedar. Also try to address the triangle island at Adams. Currently includes a bike lane on Canal side. Designs are in very early concept stages.

Complete Streets Coordinator

Everyone read latest draft of job description. Major items to discuss now are where would position exist and how would it be funded? A contracted position through ATRC seems to be the likeliest route working with the current system. Portland had a Bike Ped position that was a Healthy Maine Partnerships grant funded for 5 years. Portland currently funds the position at half time with private developer money or money for project management. If Ed were creating this position just in Lewiston, he would add it to the job description of a young engineer within public works. Ed can help Craig and Chrissy start conversation with ATRC. Ed will research cost.

Street Plans Contract Update

A meeting tomorrow is taking place regarding Task 1. Something should be sent to ATRC and MDOT for review soon. Task 2 is starting to get attention.

Motion to adjourn made by David, seconded by Bob. Motion passed (5-0).