

4 p.m., October 2, 2018

Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee

In attendance: Chris Riley, Matt Love, Gary Gover, Katie Bolton, Meredith Montgomery, Robert Brown, JoAnn Wellborn (guest)

Meeting called to order.

Comments from guest JoAnn Wellborn:

She walks daily and is concerned with condition of sidewalks. Problem areas include Fairhope Ave west of Ingleside, Fairhope Avenue and Blue Island, and several areas on Bancroft. She also noted the need for a sidewalk on Blue Island from Gayfer to Fairhope Ave due to the high volume of vehicular traffic and pedestrians. She has had trouble getting a response from Public Works. Our committee will help get her concerns addressed.

FES Bike to School Update, Meredith

~40 kids at first event of the year (first Friday in Sept) where Gene's Beans gift certificates were given out. The second event is this Friday and Pro Cycle Tri is giving away 2 helmets. A second fish bike rack was also installed at FES.

Bike Share Program, Committee discussion

Citizens have expressed interest in bringing the Lime Bike program to Fairhope (replicating Mobile's program). The committee does not think that a dock-less bike share program would work downtown at this point. We are open to looking into other programs that would encourage people to park outside of downtown and bike into downtown. Perhaps a trial on an event weekend like Arts and Crafts.

Update on Bike Rack Installation and Location, Committee discussion

Conflicting schedules have prevented us from meeting with Public Works to nail down locations and installation. Discussion about locations—we will put Orange St Pier and the Bluff back on the long-term list. If approved, we'll install the remaining 3 sets of racks by the municipal pier and in the no-parking zones on either end of De La Mar (by Page and Palette and Fly Bar).

Complete Streets Policy next steps, Gary

In a previous meeting there was talk about getting it on the agenda of a work session. Will follow up with Sherry Lea.

Bike Safety Campaign, Chris

FPD is sending representative to the AlaBike workshop; AlaBike's pocket safety brochure is a good resource that we will push on social media and online, and handout at The Witches Ride and Bike to School events among others

America Walks \$1500 Grant, Gary

11/2/18 deadline. Will forward info to Sherry-Lea

US DOT Guide for Maintaining Pedestrian Facilities for Enhanced Safety, Gary

Shared document and results from his own survey of paths along Greeno from Gayfer to Middle St/Spring Run Dr. This info will be shared with Richard Johnson.

MPO updates, Katie & Meredith

Is there funding still available for projects such as a protected multi-use path along Fairhwood?
Katie will update us on ESMPO Bike Ped meeting at our November meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: 4 p.m., November 6, 2018