

4 p.m., March 6

## **Fairhope Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee**

**In attendance:** Chris Riley, Meredith Montgomery, Gary Gover, Katie Bolton, Jason Small (guest/committee applicant), Chief Stephanie Hollinghead (FPD), Sherry-Lea Bloodworth Botop (city representative) Robert Brown (council representative)

**Meeting called to order.**

**Approved January meeting notes.**

### **Introduced Chief Hollinghead**

She will attend our meetings whenever she can. Officer Trent Scott attended the law bicycle safety workshop for law enforcement hosted by Livable Communities Coalition. He will come to the next meeting to report on the workshop and discuss laws/ordinances with us.

### **Introduced Jason Small**

Applied for a seat on the committee. He is a traffic engineer who currently works for FL Department of Transportation but he is a Fairhope citizen.

### **Discussed and Approved Attendance Policy**

Committee members can have no more than 3 unexcused absences in a 12 month period

### **NPS Connectivity Workshop**

Gary and Meredith reported on the first steering committee meeting for this project that seeks to create a long-range connectivity plan for all Fairhope sidewalks/trails/paths.

### **Triangle Property Update**

Katie, Parks and Rec Director and Trey Fellers (biking enthusiast) met with the Mayor and Sherry-Lea to discuss the next steps. IMBA will make 2-3 visits to Fairhope to view site and plan trails.

Chris and Gary suggested involving Leslie Gahagan of Graham Creek Nature Preserve in the conversation because of her experience and successes in the development of the preserve (now one of the top parks in the state). Katie suggested that Claire Bingham also join the conversation (she was involved with Red Mountain Park in Birmingham).

### **Arts & Crafts Bike Valet**

Volunteers are needed. There was a discussion about age minimum for volunteers. We also discussed adding a 2 question survey to the sign-in process to gather citizen feedback with regards to biking in Fairhope.

### **Geo-Fencing Bike Trails**

Sherry-Lea discussed how The Fairhope Store is using geo-fencing technology to track bicycle traffic patterns and map out routes.

### **Recruitment Ideas to Fill Remaining Committee Positions**

3 positions are open. We received 3 applications when the city posted the openings on Facebook but 2 could not commit (one because of the meeting time). Sherry-Lea will have the city post the openings again and include the meeting time in the post.

**Open Forum**

- MPO Planning Grant: Sherry-Lea is applying for funds for a consultant to create a policy manual for the implementation of complete streets.
- Mission Statement: Gary is going to draft an updated mission statement that is broader in scope.
- Bike Rack Installation Update: They are waiting on green paint to come in and then will install the racks on De La Mar.
- Fairhope Ave: With the addition of angled parking in front of the new Portico development, Fairhope Ave is not Bike-friendly. Meredith will review Rick Hall's recommendations and draft a recommendation to present at the next meeting.

**Approval of New Member**

The committee voted and approved the addition of Jason Small to our committee. This recommendation will be made to the city council at their meeting in 2 weeks.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Next meeting: 4 p.m., April 2, 2019 at History Museum

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March 26, 2019



Mayor Karin Wilson  
161 N Section Street  
Fairhope, AL 36532

Subject: Planned Triangle Park Trail at Section St/Scenic 98

Dear Mayor Wilson,

The Baldwin County Trailblazers salutes the city for moving ahead with plans to create a recreational use for the Triangle Property.

As we understand it, the proposed trails in that park will connect to the Eastern Shore Trail, giving walkers, joggers and riders arriving from Daphne and Fairhope a new option to explore.

Therefore, we support a multi-use trail within the property, and one that accommodates a broad range of abilities and is ADA accessible.

We appreciate that IMBA Impact Solutions promotes itself as designer of "trail systems that provide high-quality, sustainable experiences while simultaneously minimizing maintenance needs and environmental impacts."

However, we want to ensure that Eastern Shore Trail users, including those who walk dogs, push strollers, and ride beach cruisers and road bikes, will be able to enjoy the new park.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Vestal".

Jennifer Vestal

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cc: City Council, Bike and Ped Committee