

Fairhope Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Nix Center

June 3, 2015

Attendees: Jane Finger, Molly Peterson, Irene Wegner, Nancy Milford, Chris Riley, Katie Bolton, Mike Groutt.

Guests: Bruce Zimmerman, Frank Laraway, and James (Fairhope Times)

Review of Minutes from April Meeting. No changes; approved as written.

New Business.

1. Introduction of visitors. Bruce Zimmerman is a member of the Slow Bicycle Society of the Eastern Shore. Frank Laraway works with the Fairhope Single Tax Colony.
 - a. Zimmerman and Laraway were interested in the Committee's work, particularly the efforts to have bicycle racks placed in strategic positions around downtown Fairhope.
 - b. Laraway had spoken to Jennifer Fidler, Fairhope Public Works Director, about bike racks and how they might be funded. She referred him to the Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
 - c. Laraway was very interested in knowing where bike racks are proposed, how many there will be, and how much they would cost so that he can brief members of the Single Tax Colony. Committee members agreed to provide him with the information that has been collected—proposed locations that have been identified and possible commercial vendors for bike racks. Members explained that no decisions have been made so far; however, information has been provided to Fairhope Public Works Department.
 - d. Mike Groutt will pull together the information into a brief report that can be presented to the Fairhope City Council in a future work session.
2. Status of sidewalk projects. Chris Riley reported on the status of two sidewalk projects that are underway in Fairhope:
 - a. Quail Creek (from the clubhouse back into the subdivision)—bids were opened Monday; status of sidewalk from the clubhouse to SR181 has not been determined
 - b. Morphy Avenue (east of Greeno Rd.)—sidewalk will go from Greeno Rd. east to Thompson Hall; no word yet on status (this project might provide an opportunity to establish a liaison with the Single Tax Colony.
 - c. Committee members discussed other possible sidewalks as well, including a sidewalk along Twin Beach from Bishop to CR13 to eventually connect up with the new soccer complex.
3. "Wish List."
 - a. Draft "wish list" was circulated after the April meeting. The committee will still need to review to make sure all projects that have been proposed are included, and assign a priority ranking to each.

- b. Chris Riley brought a copy of the list of sidewalk requests that the Fairhope Public Works Department has compiled. The information will be added to the draft wish list and copies will be provided to all committee members before the next meeting.
4. Social Media. Chris Riley has talked to Sherri Sullivan about a social media presence for the Fairhope Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Sherri has agreed to talk to the Mayor. Presence that has been proposed includes a Web page and a Facebook page with information about the committee, projects the committee is working on, walking and bicycling in Fairhope, and how to request repairs or changes to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The sites would also include a generic point of contact/email address.
5. Water Fountains. The City is looking for locations for six water fountains with facilities for both people and pets. Currently three have been identified: at the Fairhope Pier; near the rest rooms at North Beach; and near the restrooms at the Pier Avenue boat ramp. Suggestions for locations for the remaining three fountains are needed by June 17.
6. Walking School Bus. At a previous meeting, the Committee was asked to consider finding a way to recognize the Walking School Bus project at Fairhope Elementary School. Chris researched the issue, and there has been a proposal to recognize the Walking School Bus project, Fairhope Elementary, and the City with a proclamation on National Walk to School Day in October.
7. Pier Parking During Events. Chris Riley reported that on the Friday evening prior to the Grandman Triathlon, organizers had closed all parking in the area around the pier, including spaces reserved for handicapped parking. Chris will check with City staff to find out what rules are currently in place, and see if it would be possible to include a memorandum to all event packages that provides specific limits to how long facilities and parking can be closed to the public, especially handicapped parking.
8. Walk Friendly Application. Nancy Milford sent the portions of the application dealing with enforcement issues to the Fairhope Police Department to gather their input. She is still awaiting a reply.
9. Mayor's Challenge. Chris Riley has seen the video training. Sherri Sullivan is lead for the city.

Next Meeting. Tentatively set for Wednesday, July 1, 2015; 4:00 p.m., at the Nix Center. Meeting will concentrate on prioritizing "wish list" items.