

RPC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE

February 9, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Attendees: Ira Weiss (Chair); Kent Huston (Vice Chair); Holly Mattei (RPC Executive Director); Peggy Portier (SRTS) Eric Sandine (Village of Lithopolis); Scott Brown (Village of Baltimore); Greg Bachman (Pickerington resident); Jeremiah Upp (County Engineer); Loudan Klein (RPC Staff)

1. Approval of the January 12, 2015 meeting notes

Ms. Portier noted a correction under “Other Business” that she spoke with Lancaster City Street Department rather than ODOT regarding more emblems on US 22 bike lane. Peggy Portier made motion to approve as amended. Kent Huston seconded. Jeremiah Upp and Ira Weiss abstained.

2. Chairman’s Report

Mr. Weiss informed the committee that Columbus will be hosting the National Safe Routes to School Conference.

3. Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Huston volunteered to maintain his role as Vice Chair.

Ms. Portier nominated Mr. Huston as Vice Chair, and Mr. Weiss as Chair.

Mr. Huston closed the nomination. A vote was taken to adopt the recommended slate of officers. Motion carried.

4. Update on Refugee Road Sidewalk and MUP

Holly Mattei updated the committee on the Refugee Road MUP and sidewalk project. She noted that an Ohio State Senior Capstone class will be reviewing the proposed project and will be working on some Preliminary Plans that include cross sections, the relationship to the road, and drainage system. She made note that one student specializes in hydraulics and will examine ways to handle stream crossings. The students will present at the end of April which she and Mr. Tourville will be attending. She concluded that the students are not professional engineers so their plans cannot be stamped, but can be reviewed by a PE and stamped.

5. Update on Revisions to Sidewalk Width in Subdivision Regulations

Ms. Mattei informed the committee that she has contacted township fire departments on reducing pavement widths to accommodate the increased sidewalk width. Violet Township has responded and they have no issues with reducing the pavement. There is still some time left for townships to provide comments.

Mr. Upp added that losing one foot of pavement; he felt functionally it won't make a difference.

Ms. Mattei added that if more issues and concerns do arise that she felt as though it's important to move forward and address individual concerns at a later date.

6. Village of Baltimore- Potential Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant

Ms. Mattei reviewed the proposed NRP grant for the Village of Baltimore. She first outlined the changes in low-moderate income calculations which are now done by the American Community Survey and now have the Village of Baltimore classified under LMI. She added the public meetings are scheduled for February and March. She concluded by providing an overview of the projects the public will vote on to include within the grant.

Scott Brown first informed the committee on the various sections of sidewalk that could potentially be included in the grant application.

Mr. Brown then outlined the Bope Park Marquee which would display the purpose of the park and introduce it as a possible trail head.

Ms. Mattei discussed the proposed bikeway that would eventually run NE and SW to reach Smeck Farms from Bope Park that she has discussed with Baltimore. The bikeway she added would run along the canal, include a few tax delinquent parcels, and a large parcel owned by the village of which all properties exist in the floodplain.

Ms. Mattei explained to the committee she has recommended to Mr. Brown that he have engineering plans prepared, which can be utilized to obtain potential grant funding and talk with the Land Bank regarding the two tax delinquent parcels.

7. Review of Proposed Developments

Ms. Mattei detailed the committee on the G&M Subdivision replat. She added the subdivision was platted in the 80s and is business industrial. The applicant is proposing to split the lot into three lots. She reviewed the proposal from a pedestrian standpoint indicating there are currently no sidewalks, and nor did she recommend them.

Mr. Upp made motion that the committee does not recommend sidewalks in G&M subdivision. Greg Bachman seconded the motion.

8. Other Business

Mr. Weiss named next meeting March 16, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Upp made motion to adjourn. Mr. Huston seconded the motion.