**Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Commission**

July 28th, 2021

**Minutes**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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| Jon Laria (Chair) | Austin Davis (Planning Department) |
| Terrence Jennings (Vice Chair) | Jamison Holtz (Recreation and Parks) |
| Matthew Hendrickson (DOT) |  |
| Col. Martin Bartness (BPD) |  |
| Meg Young (DOT) |  |

**Agenda**

1. Introductions:
   1. Col. Bartness: Former education leader for BPD
   2. Ed Wheeling: Deputy Director for Recreation and Parks; joining to strengthen relationship with Recreation and Parks.
2. June Minutes

* Approved

1. Community Updates

* Rec & Parks
  + Wednesday Druid Hill Park bike rides from 5-8 PM
  + Thursday Montebello bike rides from 5-8 PM and Saturdays 10 AM to 12 PM
  + Saturday Herring Run ride has been sparsely attended
  + Both Druid Hill and Montebello rides attract 40-50 people per week
* Bikers Collective:
  + Bathing Suits and Bikes, July 11th in York PA
* BYKE
  + Wrapping up Rise Up Ride Out challenge
* Black People Ride Bikes: New ride and fun and games on Wednesdays at Carroll Park – will run through August 25th, in conjunction with Friends of Carroll Park.
* Building Bridges Bike Ride on August 7th and 8th; free for kids, first 100 kids to attend will receive a backpack with school supplies
* See slide for recurring rides

1. City Updates

* MBAC Awards: Nominations are still live – please promote these to your networks, there are currently only three nominees
* Planning
  + Fixit Station – expect update from DGS on Tuesday
  + Norfolk Southern negotiations ongoing
* BPD
  + Pleased with education product that DOT and BPD developed together
  + Most BPD officers have taken this training, at this point
* Recreation & Parks
  + Ongoing Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday programming that includes rides
  + There are also new rec-center based rides, serving roughly 100 kids per week learning to ride and riding around Gwynns Falls and Druid Hill Park
  + Ed Wheeling on recent coordination on Gwynns Falls Trail stewardship and maintenance
    - Recreation and Parks, DOT, and Forestry staff and others toured Gwynns Falls Trail, to see maintenance issues
    - There is a trail maintenance program – it is in the process of being updated, and will include more frequent trail inspections
    - Overall, the plan is to build a 3-4 full time employee trail team responsible for inspection, regular maintenance, and shrubbery control
    - There will also be partnership with Capital programming, to deal with larger maintenance issues, and adding wayfinding
    - At the moment, the department is training part time staff in trail maintenance
    - Expect to see a real difference within two to four months
  + *Chair comment: DOT staff, please figure out the earliest that the Gwynns Falls Trail can reopen under the Edmondson Avenue Bridge*
  + *Participant comment: It’s great news that there’s a new focus on trail management*
  + *Chair comment: a follow up conversation for future months is whether and how there can be a revival of the mountain biking program at Loch Raven*
* DOT
  + Dockless
    - Big promotion going on from Link
    - Lime is putting out more ebikes
    - Early analysis shows that parking corrals are doing a good job encouraging parking in the corral instead of surrounding sidewalks
    - *Participant comment: It looks like residential requests for racks have started getting installed again. Can we ensure there are no other needs (schools, parks, businesses we know lack parking but haven't submitted yet, etc).*
      * *We’re not skipping other requests, those have been met*
    - *Participant comment: We also still are having some zoning issues where new projects aren't installing required bike parking, which I think has more to do with zoning enforcement than property owners*
      * *This is a known issue and an ongoing conversation with the zoning administrator*
  + Project updates (discussion captured, see slides for details)
    - *Participant comment:* Along Eutaw Place, d*id BCFD or CHAP have any concerns with the options proposed? And if so, what were the concerns?* 
      * *The Fire Department had concerns about clear widths and access to fire hydrants – they may result in some adjustments to alternatives*
  + Facilitated discussion of Goals and Objectives from 2015 Bike Master Plan, and possible updates/changes (see slides for discussion prompts)

1. Miscellaneous Business

* Next Meeting date August 25th, 4-6 p.m.