

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

November 02, 2023

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Bicycle Transportation Task Force was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Lower Level of City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Richie Cohen-Smith, Josh Stamper, James Daniels, Mark Davison, Joey Hoffmann, Hayley Ingram, Mike Tampurages, Dan Starcher

Members Absent: Sam Clark

Staff Support: Shaina Rowe, Tami Kelly, Ted Berry, Kim Shields, Cindi Fitzpatrick

2. Mr. Daniels moved to approve the 09/21/23 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Cohen-Smith. Approved by unanimous consent.
3. Mr. Cohen-Smith began the discussion by stating that safety is the Task Force's largest factor right now. He gave examples of recent bicycle accidents that have occurred and stressed the importance of educating our community. He suggested making Public Service Announcements distributed by the Police, as well as working with other communities to educate citizens. Working with the media is also important to get these messages to the public. Mr. Daniels stressed that these messages need to be distributed in all seasons, not just in the Spring when motorists can expect to see a surge in the number of bicyclists they encounter. The Task Force decided that not only will they be making bicycle safety content for the public but informational and fun content as well.
4. Ms. Kim Shields, Development Dept., was present and provided an update on the Bicycle Friendly America application that her department has been working on. She explained that it is difficult to get certified the first time around, but the application will be a good starting point.

Mr. Daniels asked if the Development Dept. is a good place for the Task Force to go to and begin implementing their ideas. Ms. Shields explained that the Development Dept. is involved heavily with every department and would be happy to be the conduit for the Task Force and direct their suggestions where they need to go.

Ms. Shields brought a handout for the Task Force outlining the bikeway map updates and details of the Bicycle Friendly Community application. She explained that the Development Dept. is in the process of applying for this and said that the Bicycle Task Force can be a huge help with public engagement. The Development Dept. is still working hard to complete our city's application and hopes to have it completed soon. After we submit our application, Bicycle Friendly Community will provide the City with a survey to get feedback from bicyclists.

Mr. Hoffman wants the Development Dept. to release the information that they gain from the application to be released to the public to educate citizens.

5. Ms. Cindy Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, gave an update from her meeting with the City of Columbus on the Camp Chase Trail connector. She said Columbus is supportive of the route through Bolton Field, but they have an interest in keeping the trail on Holt Rd. to Alkire.

6. Mr. Stamper asked the Task Force to look at different communities' bicycle maps and their websites. Gather ideas for the Task Force's website/web page and bring suggestions/examples to the next meeting.
7. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.
8. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Shaina Rowe
Secretary



Josh Stamper
Chairman