

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES

August 17, 2023

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Bicycle Transportation Task Force was called to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Lower Level of City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following were present:

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

Ex-Officio member: Ted Berry; Cindi Fitzpatrick

Members Absent: Sam Clark, Mike Tampurages

Also present: Shaina Rowe
2. Mr. Daniels moved to approve the 08/03/23 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Cohen-Smith. Unanimously approved.
3. The Task Force began to discuss the report that they will present to Council. The group began to delegate tasks. Mr. Davison volunteered to create the PowerPoint presentation once the information is put together by Mr. Daniels. The task force decided that they would need two meetings throughout the month of September to complete their report. They set their next two meetings for September 7th and 21st and plan to present their report to Council at the first meeting in October.
4. Mr. Daniels began to go through what he had already planned out for the report. He has it broken down into an introduction; what the task force was commissioned to do; and bicycle transportation as a means of commuting to work and as a recreational activity. They will also add their recommendations of signage, maintenance, and improvement of safety features on bikeways. Mr. Daniels also wants to include that they need to work with Metro Parks for access to Scioto Grove and Batelle Darby Creek; continue the Bicycle Friendly America application; and develop community education efforts to work with motorists on how to interact safely with bicyclists.
5. Mr. Berry asked if the pedestrian bridge was being worked on by Ms. Fitzpatrick and the Mayor. Ms. Fitzpatrick explained that it is a matter of timing and prioritization, and she thinks that the other connection at Mount Carmel Lane that will include a pedestrian bridge has a lot of active effort and funding going towards it currently. The group decided they will still mention their want for a pedestrian bridge over I-71.
6. Ms. Fitzpatrick shared with the task force that the Orders Road extension has been started and will complete the final piece to get from Fryer Park to Hoover Rd. Other maintenance activities that are in the works are: mirrors have been ordered for path locations at Margie's Cove; pruning is being completed where the task force said needs it.
7. Mr. Berry said that all the minutes should go in the back of the report. Mr. Daniels said that once he has his draft, he will send it to everyone, but he did state that he will need help with the maps. Mr. Berry suggested splitting up each route in the report and giving suggestions to make each one better. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked for everyone's report on the routes that they rode.
8. Discussion then took place on how to differentiate the routes inside the city. The Task Force decided to use primary colors to name the different paths. Naming the paths with primary colors is not certain and could be subject to change but for the purpose of the report, they need to be identifiable.

9. The Task Force looked at the maps provided by Ms. Fitzpatrick for the three routes to the Camp Chase Trail. Ms. Fitzpatrick told the group that they should suggest all three routes and then prioritize them. Mr. Berry suggested listing the Bolton Field Route #1, the North Route #2, and Johnson Rd. Route #3.
10. Ms. Fitzpatrick gave the Task Force an update on her meeting with the City of Columbus to better understand their relationship with the quarry. City of Columbus does not actually own the ground, but they do have an agreement with the quarry owner that when they are done mining the quarry that ownership will be given to the City of Columbus. With four separate mining areas north to south, they will not turn over the first area until one and two are completed and they are projected to be complete in 2031. All four are projected to be completely mined by around 2050. City of Columbus has monitoring wells with an access road that goes along the entire way to Parsons Water Plant that they currently use. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the City of Columbus what the plans for the property were, since it looks like a great place for a bike path, and they said right now their primary focus is their fourth water plant in Delaware. Ms. Fitzpatrick said that she will go back to the City of Columbus for questions about a bicycle path once they begin planning for this area. She said that a path will be more possible if they decide to build a reservoir, as water treatment plants are much more protected with limited access.
- Mr. Berry asked if the County had any plans to upgrade Brown Road. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that the County did a feasibility study and the results are that it is very unlikely that there will be a road-separated path, best case scenario will be a bike lane and sidewalks because of the width of the right-of-way and how close the houses sit. It is not in the immediate future, even if they applied for funding now, they would not see it until 2029.
11. Mr. Davison reiterated what they will need for the report presentation like the internal routes (6) and their gaps, the Camp Chase routes (3) and their gaps, and the North routes (2). A close-up map of Bolton, Demorest, and Johnson so that people can see and rank them. They also need to name each route and add in available funding.
12. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.
13. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Shaina Rowe
Secretary



Josh Stamper
Chairman