

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

July 20, 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 call was called and the following were present:

Richie Cohen-Smith, Hayley Ingram, Josh Stamper, James Daniels, Mark Davison, Joey Hoffmann, Mike Tampurages. Ex-Officio member: Ted Berry; Cindi Fitzpatrick

Members Absent: Dan Starcher, Sam Clark

Also present: Rhianna Bergman; Lauren Cardoni, MORPC Rep.

2. Chair Stamper called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the 6/15/23 meeting; Mr. Daniels moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Ingram. Unanimously approved.
3. Due to some time constraints of Mr. Daniels, Chair Stamper took reports from the members who were able to ride one of the identified trails that the members outlined during the last meeting:

Mr. Daniels reported that he and Mr. Cohen-Smith took Buckeye Parkway/White/McDowell/SW Blvd/Gantz route. He said they noticed the following:

- a. There is a gap in the bike path from SR 665 to Indian Trails Park, from Hawthorne Parkway north to Indian Trails Park there is only sidewalk.
- b. Low hanging branches in Meadow Grove. Path in good condition.
- c. At Holton & Buckeye Pkwy, it is very dense and hold dampness. Feels this would be a great place to install mirrors. Needs signage to slow down.
- d. At White Road intersection, feels signage is needed
- e. At White Road and McDowell, path stops and forces you to use street.
- f. North on McDowell, the path is narrow.

Mr. Daniels said they suggest color coding or naming the paths and monitor the conditions of the path pavement along with low hanging branches on paths. *Ms. Fitzpatrick* commented that they do pavement condition readings every two years. She also mentioned that they are working on a square that riders can scan and use to report trouble spots.

*Editor's Note: Mr. Daniels left at 6:55 p.m.

Discussion took place about McDowell Rd area, between Shirlene & Stringtown – it was suggested that a dedicated path be constructed. *Ms. Fitzpatrick* commented that there are options to create a safe, dedicated space/path in this area.

Ms. Bergman commented that the Development Dept. is working on an interactive map that can have a reporting mechanism to also assist with bike path issues.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that the City is now contracting out the pruning of trees and they can look at the trails as well.

It was also noted that the locations of the Bicycle Repair Kits that the Rotary Club donated show be added to the Trail Map.

Mr. Stamper and Mr. Davison reported that on Haughn Road, south of Orders - into Browns Farm subdivision, that there are concerns crossing over Hoover and Holton Roads. *Ms. Fitzpatrick* stated that there will be signalization in those areas.

It was also recommended that a bridge from Hoover to Pinnacle Park would eliminate the crisscrossing currently required in this area, since the bike path is segmented between the north and south sides of the road.

Mr. Daniels moved that a Pedestrian Bridge going over I-71 connecting the Orders Road Bike Path with Pinnacle Park be recommended as a safe east/west connection; seconded by Mr. Davison. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Davison noted that there is no separated path from the road in a section of Pinnacle Club Drive. *Ms. Fitzpatrick* said this is an area where the public must be educated to use the street.

Mr. Berry & Mr. Hoffmann rode the Southwest Blvd. identified trail. The identified the following:

- a. Traffic needs to slow down between Broadway and Hoover
- b. Share Lanes or something to provide safety needed
- c. No path on the Fire Station property at Hoover & Southwest. Township needs to add this.
- d. The Police Training Station on Broadway needs attention. Looks like large sidewalk
- e. The Alley, Babbert Way needs better signs and a mirror at Arbutus

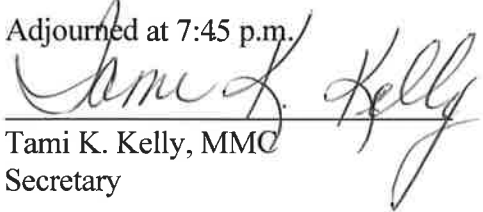
Mr. Tampurages objected to the sharrows, citing that studies have found them to be more of a danger than helpful to cyclists.

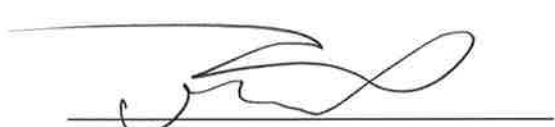
The Task Force continued to look at the Bike Path Map and the internal trails. The discussed ways to create better, safer connections around the City.

Mr. Stamper stated that the southern path on the south side of SR665 is rough. He said a connection to Fryer Park is needed. *Ms. Fitzpatrick* stated that it would be addressed with the Mt. Carmel bridge.

4. Chair Stamper recognized *Ms. Fitzpatrick* for a report, who shared a Powerpoint Presentation that is attached hereto.
5. Chair Stamper said work is being done on the Bicycle Friendly Community application and they will continue to assist and get updates on this as a group rather than a subcommittee.
6. Chair Stamper stated that there is a group that is in charge of the Bike Bus and if anyone wants to join or help this existing committee, please let him know and he will get them connected.
7. With a report due to Council in September the members agreed to meet on Thursday, August 03 and 17 at 6:00 p.m.
8. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Secretary


Josh Stamper
Chairman