Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda

March 12th, 2019

Big Lake Council Chambers

1. Introductions
   a. Corrie Scott  City of Big Lake
   b. Bev Anderson  Big Lake Citizen
   c. Janine Foggia  Sherburne County Public Health
   d. Michael Healy  City of Big Lake
   e. Roger Zeman  Big Lake Citizen
   f. Colleen Zeman  Big Lake Citizen
   g. Melissa Pribyl  CentraCare Health
   h. Scotty Mitchell  Big Lake Citizen

2. Mission Statement Discussion: Roger sent in a proposed mission statement. The group reviewed the statement and approved the Mission below:
   a. To support a healthy environment by advocating policies that promote a bicycle friendly environment, safe riding skills, trail development, and bicycling as a form of transportation in our community.

3. Bike Events Update
   a. Bike Rodeo: The Bike Rodeo takes place during the first ECFE in the Park event. This year, Allen and Corrie hope to introduce more education to the obstacle course and other portions of the event. After their Traffic 101 training in April, they will come up with some ideas on how to educate the event goers and how to train the volunteers for the event. This update will be presented in May. Below are the current details on the Bike Rodeo event.
      i. Wednesday, June 12th
      ii. 10am-12pm
      iii. Liberty Elementary
   b. Walk and Roll to School Day: Community Education is still working on confirming a date for this event. Corrie will keep the group updated via email as this information becomes available.

4. Educational Campaign Update
   a. Parks and Trails Map progress: Corrie is working with the Finance Department and Public Works Department to find a way to budget for the extensive updates on our current Parks Map. The cost will be a little over $1,000. Public Works hopes to include these costs in each individual construction project budget. This will help with future budgeting for ongoing map updates.
   b. Winter Farmers Market booth update: Bev Anderson attended the March market. She handed out flyers and spoke with residents about bicycle safety and bicycle routes. She hopes to also attend the April 12th market.
c. Facebook Post Suggestions: The Committee suggested that Corrie search for Facebook post ideas relating to bike health tips, Blue Zone Cities, and various challenges including ‘post a picture with your bicycle’ and ‘post about your favorite bicycle route.’

d. Logo/stickers: Community Education and the City of Big Lake purchased 1,000 stickers that can be handed out at events this Spring and Summer.

e. Open Streets Collaborative: Corrie is limited on time to put toward new projects, but she plans to set up a meeting with the previous Open Streets Collaborative in June/July after most of their bicycle events have taken place to talk about the feasibility of Big Lake introducing an Open Streets event. It is encouraged that members attend local Open Streets events to get an idea of how they run. St. Michael hosts their event in May and Albertville hosts an event in September.

f. Fix-It Station Sponsorships: Melissa is applying for a grant to cover the costs of two Fix It Stations for Lakeside Park and near the Northstar Commuter Rail. Michael is checking with Northstar to see if they will also the City of Big Lake to install a Fix It Station there. Corrie is checking with Public Works to see if they will install the Fix It Stations. The grants are due by April 20th and will be awarded in May.

g. Bikes for Kids: Melissa informed the group that Allina Health does an event where they provide free bicycles to attendees of the event. You must be present to pick up your bicycle.

h. Bike Fleets: Janine informed the group that Wright County Parks and Recreation is purchasing a Bike Fleet. If the need for a Bike Fleet arises in the future, we can use them as a resource.

i. Grant Opportunities: Each month the group will have a short discussion about potential grant opportunities. At this time, the group has applied for/is applying for all grants that they are aware of including being a host site for a Minnesota GreenCorps Member. This application deadline is March 22nd.

5. Infrastructure Goals Discussion
   a. Michael Healy presented his Highline Drive Trail and Sidewalk Project in February. He is moving on to the regional portion of this grant review process and hopes to know by the end of May if Big Lake will be awarded funding.

   b. Corrie Scott submitted the SHIP Mini Grant application. She hopes that the $2,000 grant will be awarded and go towards putting wayfinding signage on the McDowall Trails. The grants will be awarded by March 27th.

6. Bike Club Discussion
   a. Scotty Mitchell attended his first Bicycle Advisory meeting and offered to lead a Bike group on rides around the Big Lake area. In April we will confirm some details including date, time, frequency, routes, end location, etc...

7. Next Meeting on April 9th at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers