

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 8th, 2019
Big Lake Council Chambers

1. Introductions

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| a. Corrie Scott | City of Big Lake |
| b. Bev Anderson | Big Lake Citizen |
| c. Janine Foggia | Sherburne County Public Health |
| d. Brad Schnitzler | Big Lake Community Education |
| e. Michael Healy | City of Big Lake |
| f. Roger Zeman | Big Lake Citizen |
| g. Colleen Zeman | Big Lake Citizen |
| a. Allen Berg | Big Lake Community Education |

2. Bike and Walk to School Day Discussion

- a. This event is focused on elementary students and will take place on a Friday morning in May. The purpose is to promote walking, biking, rollerblading, and skateboarding to school. Brad and Allen will begin the planning for this event and keep the Bicycle Advisory Committee updated on dates and volunteer opportunities.
- b. Bike Rodeo: The Bike Rodeo is a separate event that takes place during an ECFE in the Park. Participants can purchase reduced price helmets, go through an obstacle course, and enjoy time with their families and neighbors. Planning for this event will take place at the next ECFE Coalition meeting on February 6th. Corrie will attend this meeting and notify the Coalition of the interest from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in volunteering and helping to plan/promote the event. Corrie will notify the Bicycle Advisory Committee when dates are set.

3. Educational Campaign

- a. Parks and Trails Map progress: Corrie is teaming up with Layne, Michael, and Bolton & Menk to update the Parks and Trails map to include existing trails and sidewalks. They hope to have an updated map by April 1st at the very latest.
 - i. Bike Route suggestions: Bev Anderson brought forward some bike route suggestions. The committee agreed that the suggestions are valuable, but need to be condensed so they are shorter and easier to read while biking. Once the map is created the bike route suggestions will be reviewed by the committee and published.
- b. Winter Farmers Market booth update: Roger, Colleen, and Bev attended the December Farmers Market. They continued to survey residents and offered a

kids' activity. Bev plans to offer a mini quiz put together by Corrie about bike safety at the January 11th farmers market.

- c. Facebook Post Suggestions: Corrie will continue to pull bike safety information and Bike Advisory Committee meeting information to post on Facebook twice a month using the #BikeBigLake and 'Did you know...' format.
 - d. Logo/stickers: Corrie is looking for money in the Recreation Coordinator budget to purchase stickers including the Bike Big Lake logo. She plans to get stickers ordered before the Bike events that take place in May of 2019.
 - e. Potential Open Streets Event: Corrie will reach out to Melissa with CentraCare to see when the next Open Streets Collaborative meeting takes place.
 - f. Fix-It Station: Corrie will reach out to Melissa to see if CentraCare is interested in sponsoring a Fix It station at Lakeside Park and the Northstar Commuter Rail.
 - g. Bike Benefits: Corrie handed out information on the Bike Benefits program. It costs \$27 for a starter kit that businesses can use to sell stickers. Generally, a City or community organization in a City will take on the responsibility of purchasing these kits and approaching businesses to see if they want to offer a discount to bicyclists wearing their 'Bike Benefits' stickers as well as selling the stickers to patrons who bicycle. More information can be found at bicyclebenefits.org.
 - h. Mission Statement: The committee discussed a possible Mission Statement for the group. At the next meeting there will be some time set aside to brainstorm and create a Mission Statement that is in line with the priorities that the group has chosen to pursue. All members are asked to come to the next meeting with some key words and/or a proposed Mission Statement.
 - i. Bike Designation: The group discussed the possible goal of applying to become a Bicycle Friendly City. This application process does involve a cost, but would be a great way to promote biking in Big Lake and possibly learn what needs to be done to become more bike friendly.
 - j. Meeting with Parks Board: The next Parks Advisory Board meeting takes place on Monday, January 14th at 6:30pm in the Public Works building. Corrie will be attending this meeting as a liaison to the City and will see if the Parks Board is interested in future collaboration. Any Bike Advisory Committee members that wish to attend must notify Corrie beforehand.
 - k. Survey Discussion: The group discussed further surveying and decided that at this time it isn't necessary. The group will revisit potential survey opportunities in the future as needed.
4. Infrastructure Goals Discussion
- a. Highline Drive Project: Michael is working on a grant that will develop trails, sidewalks, signage, and a Fix It station on Highline Drive. This is a long term project that will likely be completed by 2022 if funding is granted.
 - b. SHIP Mini Grant: Corrie is working with Public works to apply for a SHIP Mini Grant that can be put toward wayfinding signage on trails such as McDowall.
5. Next Meeting on February 12th at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers