

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting (3PC)
Lake Michigan Room
January 26, 2023
Minutes

Chairman Andrew Kyres called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Andrew Kyres (Crown Point), John Yelkich (Lowell), Shannon Eason (Michigan City Parks), Gerald Swets (St. John), Dean Button (Hammond), Dennis Cobb (FEG), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Sylvia Collins, Don Oliphant (CBE), Julio Archivala (East Chicago, Don Parker (NWIPA), Chris Salatas, George Topoll (Union Township), and Jill DiTommaso (Munster).

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Kevin Polette, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the October 26, 2022 were approved on motion by Dennis Cobb, second by Shannon Eason.

Ped

Mitch Barloga updated the committee on the Greenways + Blueways Map mobile app. There is ongoing work being put into the app. The app is currently not catalogued with Android. Apple iPhone is slated to roll out in April. The application download will be free of charge.

The Old Plank Road Trail Study will cover 22 mi. from Joliet, IL and extending into Dyer, IN. NIRPC staff is currently working with a consultant.

NWI 2050+ continues to be developed under consultant Marty Shukert (RDG). The emphasis is on active transportation and land use. Completion of the draft document is slated for March.

Pedal

Mitch presented the final Notice of Funding Availability application scores for Complete Streets and Multi-Use Trails categories. Changes were made live and are as follows:

Multi-Use Trails

- Cedar Lake – Founders Creek Multi-Use Trail. 3PC score of 52.
- Dyer – Pennsy-Dyer Trail. 3PC score of 76.
- Hammond – Marquette Greenway, 150 to EC limits. 3PC score of 92.
- Hamond – NIPSCO Trail. 3PC score of 65.
- Portage – Marquette Greenway (bridge). 3PC score of 74.

Complete Streets (Lake County)

- Cedar Lake – West Lake Shore Dr. sidewalks. 3PC score of 52.
- Cedar Lake – 133rd Ave sidewalks. 3PC score of 46.
- Cedar Lake – Morse St sidewalks. 3PC score of 38.
- East Chicago – Columbus Dr/Adler St ped bridge. 3PC score of 75.
- Munster – Main St. Complete Street. 3PC score of 70.
- Valparaiso – Creative District Trail. 3PC score of 76.

Complete Streets (LaPorte County)

- Michigan City – Washington Park Blvd. 3PC score of 58.

Charles Bradsky will present the scores to the February 28 Technical Planning Committee meeting for review.

Mitch gave an update on the Next level Trails (NLT) program. NIRPC is awaiting the Ph III announcement of the previous NLT. NIRPC staff are currently working on NLT applications from the previous round. Additional funding of up to \$50M in Indiana is tentative. Communities are encouraged to apply.

Paddle

Mitch gave an update on events and classes for Northwest Indiana Paddling Association (NWIPA). For more information, please visit www.nwipa.org.

Announcements

Announcements were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the NIRPC building.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.