



PED, PEDAL & PADDLE COMMITTEE (3PC)

Zoom Meeting Info

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Thursday, October 7, 2021 - 1:30 PM

AGENDA

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

2.0 Approval of Minutes of July 1, 2021, Meeting (pp. 1 - 2)

Action Required: Approval

3.0 Ped

3.1 Update on Bike Map Application

3.2 America Walks Webinar October 15th: Harmful Jaywalking Laws in BIPOC Communities

<https://americawalks.org/how-to-take-on-harmful-jaywalking-laws>

4.0 Pedal

4.1 Update from South Shore Trails

4.2 Indiana's Year of the Trails - Brian Housh, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

4.3 Next Level Trails & Federal Funding Updates

4.4 FEATURE PRESENTATION: Downtown Gary Tactical Urbanism - David Wright, GPTC

5.0 Paddle

5.1 Update from NW Indiana Paddling Association

6.0 Grab Bag

6.1 Emerging Trails Video

6.2 Announcements

6.3 Project Updates

6.4 Upcoming Events

7.0 Next 3PC Meeting - Thursday, January 6, 2021 - 1:30 PM. Location TBA.

8.0 Adjournment

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Virtual Meeting
July 1, 2021
Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's extended Executive Order 21-16. All persons were meeting remotely via Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item was provided for public comment, this was supported as well. A roll call was taken to motion and approve the agenda items.

Andrew Kyres called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call. In attendance were Andrew Kyres (Crown Point), Bernadette Slawinski (Ogden Dunes), Don Parker (SST), Dan Plath (NPS), Gerald Swets (St. John), Bryan Blazak (St. John), Scott Kingan, Dalia Zygus (Michigan City), Don Oliphant (CBE), John Novacich (Parks Dept.), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Robert Boklund, Jen Orsburn (LMCP), and George Topoll (Union Township).

NIRPC staff present were Meredith Stilwell, Kevin Polette, Candice Eklund, Mitch Barloga, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Gerald Swets and second by Don Parker.

Ped

Mitch Barloga presented on updates for the Marquette Greenway RAISE grant application. The Marquette Greenway is a 60-mile trail that will extend from South Chicago to New Buffalo, Michigan. Over half is either funded or built. A RAISE grant application for \$21M will be submitted for the other half (29 miles). Approximately \$45M will be required to complete the entire project. The application deadline to the USDOT is July 12. Selections will be made by the end of 2021. Scott Weber is working on the benefit cost analysis which will be included in the application. The application will be available on the NIRPC website. In addition, The Forum is preparing a Ready grant, and the Marquette Greenway is requesting \$5M of the grant in order to reduce local match obligations.

Mitch presented on bike map application updates. Hard copies of the 2021 map have been distributed to libraries throughout The Region. Municipalities that have not picked up their box of maps are encouraged to do so. The electronic version of the map is in the final stages. NIRPC is collaborating with My City Bikes (MCB), a national bicycle application company. The application will extend from Joliet, IL to Michigan City, IN. The app is slated to be launched by the end of summer.

Pedal

Don Parker presented on South Shore Trails updates. The streetscape plan for The Town of Munster has now been finalized. It is a comprehensive plan, considering the future Southlake Corridor train connection. Changes in street plans, such as refuge centers, were recommended to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

Mitch presented on the Trail Counters update. Nearly \$300K of trail requests was received. Funding updates will be available next month. The data bike will be used to ride throughout the trails and gauge trail management for long-term strategies on maintenance and operations. The software is \$10K a year in propriety funds. Package negotiations are being made. Updates will be available by the next 3PC meeting.

Paddle

Dan Plath reported on the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association (NWIPA). Throughout the pandemic last year, NWIPA worked with Laura Krepp to revamp their website and update the logo. An overview of the website was given. NWIPA has gradually restarted paddling events with online pre-registration. NWIPA also has the most accessibility to canoe and kayak launches throughout the state, with eight in The Region. Dan encourages all to visit www.nwipa.org.

Announcements

Mitch presented on Invest in America Act (IAA). Every five years, Congress authorizes a transportation spending package through the IAA. The bill to fund \$715B within the next five years for transportation throughout the country needs to be approved through the senate. \$343B will be allocated for roads, bridges, and safety. Trails, non-motorized transportation could receive up to \$300M.

Next Level Trails program will be accepting applications starting November 1. Mitch encourages communities to apply. State funding is on a regional and local level with flexibility to use soft match or land dedications. Non-profits are also eligible to apply.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.