

**Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
October 3, 2019**

Members & Guests – Jan Dick, Glenn Goowine, John Novacich, Ed Morales, Robert Boklund, Don Parker, Mark Schreiber, Jake Dammarell, Don Ensign, George Topoll, Brian Snedecor, Craig Zandstra, Ale Brown, Kelly Goodpaster, Brad Enslein

Staff – Mitch Barloga, Meredith Stilwell, Kevin Polette

Brian Snedecor called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. with self-introductions.

The minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Jan Dick and a second by John Novacich.

NIRPC Business

Mitch Barloga presented on the Living Streets policy. NIRPC adopted the Complete Streets policy in 2010 and is now moving forward with the Living Streets policy due to the significant increase in green infrastructure planning over the last 10 years. The objective is to merge the Complete Streets and Green Streets policies into the Living Streets policy. To accomplish this objective, NIRPC will create a Living Streets workshop to review the draft document in detail. The first meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC. The final draft document will be discussed at the topical committees before being presented to the TPC and Full Commission meetings.

Ped

Don Parker reported that having seen a real change in perception and practical application of how trail systems can be applied, South Shore Trails is now in the process of looking forward on what to focus on and how to more precisely define their role in how to help communities.

Mitch Barloga announced a Trail Towns Workshop will be held at NIRPC on October 31st. The workshop will be facilitated by Amy Camp of Cycle Forward.

Pedal

Mitch Barloga updated the committee on Next Level Trails. \$25m of funding from the State of Indiana, \$20m for regional projects and \$5m for local projects, has been released for eligible trail projects. Projects on the visionary system will get higher priority for regional money.

Mitch Barloga gave a presentation on what he learned at the Portland Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle (APBP) Conference. Portland's non-motorized network is one of the best in the country. Various topics that were discussed included the new AASHTO bicycle facilities guide; tactical urbanism; promoting a successful bicycle network; micromobility programs; providing more equity in the bicycle experience; and reimagining the civic commons.

A discussion was held regarding golf cart usage in communities.

Paddle

Rob Elinger reported that despite the spring rains, the Little Calumet East branch has remained open most scheduled events were able to be held and has been a very successful year. With one more ADA compliant launch installed on the Little Cal, there are now three on that section. The region is becoming a very, highly densely outfitted area to encourage the use of water passages. NWIPA will soon start planning for 2020 with focus on opening up and maintaining Deep River and extended the east branch of the Little Calumet.

Project Updates –

Updates were provided by John Novacich (Schererville), Kelly Goodpaster (Hobart), Jan Dick (Valparaiso), Don Ensign (Hebron), Mark Schreiber and Craig Zandstra (Lake Co. Parks).

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC.

Hearing no further business, adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.