

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
February 7, 2019

Members & Guests – George Topoll, Dave Shafer, Carolyn Saxton, Tim Jones, Don Parker, Mark Gordish, Mark O'Dell, Craig Zandstra, Robert Boklund, Shannon Eason, Chuck Gleason, Tyler Kent, Brad Enslin, John Novacich, John Bach, Dean Button, Beth Shrader, Mike Benhart, Denny Cobb, Veronica Jalomo, Martin Bobcek, Mike Dolton, Eric Wolverton, David Wright

Staff – Mitch Barloga, Dominique Edwards, Mary Thorne

George Topoll called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

The minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Don Parker and a second by Mark O'Dell.

NIRPC Business

The committee reviewed and deliberated on the NOFA planning applications. The final scores were as follows:

Complete Streets

Group 1

Burns Harbor - Marquette Greenway: 43
Cedar Lake - Sidewalk on Lake Shore Drive: 57
Gary - On-road Trail 5th Ave: 74
Highland - HAWK Signal Erie Lackawanna Trail: 67
Merrillville - Sidewalk on Broadway: 71
Merrillville - SRTS Various: 58
Valparaiso - On-road Trail Vale Park: 50
Winfield - Sidewalks along Randolph St.: 63

Group 2

City of LaPorte - Sidewalks various: 61
City of Michigan City - On-road Trail - Liberty Trail: 60

Multi-Use Trails

Group 1

Cedar Lake - Founders Trail: 62
Chesterton - Westchester/Liberty Phase 3: 75
Hammond - Marquette Greenway: 73
Lake County - Veterans Trail Phase 1: 67
Lake County - Veterans Trail Phase 2: 58

Ped

A. South Shore Trails Update – Don Parker said they are in the process of planning for the program year as well as their strategic plan. He complimented NIRPC staff for their work with the 2050 Plan and NOFA.

B. Pedal

Legislative Update - Mitch Barloga said a bill (HB 1439) was approved by the House to classify electric bikes and allow for a 3 foot passing law. SB 89 may pass, relating to e-bikes on trails and safe passing distances, all relative to speed limits on trails. Mitch will email information to the committee.

Paddle

There was no report.

Grab Bag

A. Project Updates – Sign-em Up signage invoices will be sent to each community.

B. General Announcements

NIRPC is changing their frequency of meetings..

The next 3PC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC.

Hearing no further business, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.