

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting (3PC)
Virtual Meeting
May 26, 2022
Minutes

This meeting was convened as a virtual, informational meeting.

Chairman Andrew Kyres called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Andrew Kyres (Crown Point), Dalia Zygus, David Heinhold, Don Oliphant (CBBEL), Don Parker (SST), George Topoll (Union Township), Gerald Swets, Sue Lynch (Portage), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Kevin Breitzke (Porter County), Katherine Balkema, John Novacich (Schererville Parks Dept), Donna Catalano (LF), Bob Huffman (SST), and Marty Shukert (RDG Planning & Design).

NIRPC staff present were Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, Candice Eklund, Mitch Barloga, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting are slated to be approved at the August 25 3PC meeting.

Ped

Mitch presented on the bike map application updates. There are delays due to the expansion of the map now covering parts of Illinois. NIRPC staff continues to work with Northeast Illinois and the south suburbs of Chicago to roll out the bike map mobile app through My City Bikes and Calumet Collaborative. The draft of the map was presented. Limited quantities of paper maps are available.

Mitch presented on the Old Plank Road Trail Study update. Communities in Southern Cook County received \$300K grant from Cook County. NIRPC is partnering with \$50K to bring this study into Dyer and Schererville to extend the Old Plank Road Trail. The Illinois-based consultant is currently working on the study. NIRPC is looking into extending the on a Norfolk, discontinued corridor route. The plan is slated to be reviewed between communities by year's end.

Mitch presented on the Next Level Trail (NLT) awards. NLT is granting money for trail development in the state of Indiana. NWI trails funded through NLT were identified. For more information, visit <https://indnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=fcaf887cef8d405b9375f152385cd337>

Pedal

Nothing to report on South Shore Trails.

Mitch spoke on the Trail Counters (TCs) update. The trail counter specs were presented. The model is from PYRO and it has automatic data transmission. No power supply is required, and it has direction detection capabilities. The communities will be asked to install a pole to mount the TC, where it is required. Approximately 30 TCs will be purchased this year. NIRPC will provide 80% and communities are asked to cover 20%.

Kevin Polette spoke on the Data Bike update. MACOG is no longer partnering with NIRPC for the purchase of the data bike. NIRPC staff is working on the procurement process. The function of the bike is to take data of the condition of all Region trails via video footage and GPS location.

Consultant Marty Shukert (RDG Planning & Design) presented on *NWI 2050+ Active Transportation*. NIRPC has hired Marty as a consultant to analyze different details of the plan. The project is currently on schedule to be completed by May of 2023. The first three public kickoff events are slated in June within Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. A land use element will be incorporated, as it is highly related to the active transportation element. There is also a transit, freight, and surface transportation element. A survey to gather public opinion will be developed and launched in June. During the months of August through October, a series of workshops will be conducted throughout the Region to develop the framework for the plan. There will be public network open houses in the winter months. Additional workshops will be held from January through March of 2023 for Purpose Driven Planning. By April, the public report open houses will be underway. Report approvals are slated in May of 2023.

Paddle

Nothing to report from NWIPA.

Announcements

Announcements were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.