

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting (3PC)
Virtual Meeting
August 25, 2022
Minutes

This meeting was convened as a virtual, informational meeting.

Chairman Andrew Kyres called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Gerald Swets, Dalia Zygus, Dave Heinhold, Deb Backhus, Dustin Anderson, Jen Orsburn, Katherine Balkema, Kevin Breitzke, Marjorie Hennessy, Don Parker, Mark O'Dell, Shannon Eason, Tom L Novak. George Topoll, and Craig Zandstra.

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Candice Eklund, Meredith Stilwell, Charles Bradsky, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January 6 and May 26 meeting are slated to be approved at the October 18 3PC meeting.

Ped

Mitch Barloga presented on the bike map application updates. There are technical delays with the app stores to make the bike map live. Once the app stores clear the bike map, a public announcement will be sent out.

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. NIRPC staff is working on getting a steering committee together for their first meeting by the fall of 2022.

Charles Bradsky spoke on the Notice of Funding Application (NOFA). The application will be available by the end of September. The Federal Highway Administration has placed an emphasis on the safety for the vulnerable roadway user (pedestrians and bicyclists). There may be HSIP eligibility for new sidewalk projects on busy roads. There is also a Carbon Reduction Program under the CMAQ umbrella. Please contact Charles or Mitch with any comments or questions at cbradsky@nirpc.org or mbarloga@nirpc.org.

Mitch presented on the 2050 Plan + update. NIRPC is extending in the Finding Meaning phase until late October. NIRPC staff has worked on the public outreach aspect throughout NWI. NIRPC has hired outside consultants to work on several aspects of the plan. 3PC will transition from a trail emphasis to a "network" emphasis, working with communities so that their roads can be converted for bike and pedestrian safety.

Pedal

Nothing to report on South Shore Trails.

Mitch spoke on the Trail Counters (TC) update. Several TC have arrived to the NIRPC office and invoicing will be worked on soon.

Dustin Anderson. Munster's Ridge Road RAISE Award. Munster was awarded \$17M for the Ridge Road project. The town is going to implement a road diet from the state line to Columbia, and for Calumet Avenue, from the river to Ridge Road. There will be one lane for each direction of traffic and center turning lanes where appropriate. Pedestrian refuge islands will be installed and sidewalks will be expanded.

Paddle

Nothing to report from NWIPA.

Announcements

Announcements were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.