

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 6 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Room A102

Meeting Notes

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I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- A. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update:** The consultant is working on the final draft, which will be presented to both city councils sometime in June. The draft will also be available online throughout the adoption process.
- B. Intersection of Belmont Road and 13th Avenue South:** This intersection is a safety concern. The sidewalk on the north side of 13th Avenue South, east of Belmont Road, is too narrow and poorly placed. A stroller barely fits on the concrete. The street is curved just before the intersection, and the line of sight is short. The group would like to explore options for improvement with the engineering department.
- C. International Trails Summit 2023 summary:** Kim participated in two tracks at the conference. One track focused on sharing the trail with motorized vehicles, and the other focused on equity and equality when planning and managing parks. The discussions about sharing trails with motorized vehicles were sometimes contentious. The biggest concerns from non-motorized users and park managers were poor etiquette by some riders and destruction or unauthorized trails being established. The International Mountain Bike Association supports and recommends using a public process to discuss allowing motorized vehicles on shared-use trails.

Enock Glibbon, a disabled athlete, adventurer, motivational speaker, and advocate for others with disabilities, presented how to design outdoor facilities that don’t take away the challenge for people with mobility issues. His message is that even people with physical limitations sometimes want more than an ADA-compliant trail has to offer.

The Slow and Say Hello campaign was used in Marion County, CA. It was developed to address safety concerns about runners, walkers, and equestrians using the same trails. It has successfully reduced the number of accidents and poor etiquette by trail users.

II. Greenway Items

- A. Flood cleanup efforts:** Trail cleanup has been slow because the water has been receding slower the last few weeks. The dog parks are still closed and expected to stay closed

until early June. Crews have been working to remove logs and other debris in areas where they can safely access these items. The lower trails are still closed because of high water and mud.

- B. Summer greenway projects:** Kim is working on the final pieces for the combined disc and footgolf course in Riverside Park. Hole #18 is missing, and a new sign will be installed at the entrance point.

III. Other

- A. Citizen comments:** Can this be added to the top of future agendas? Yes.

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, room A102

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: 10 AM Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Supporting documents: None

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