



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION

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**BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND
GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD**

November 4, 2013

3:00 P.M.

City Hall

2nd Floor Conference Room

1101 Texas Avenue

College Station, Texas



AGENDA

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday November 4, 2013, 3:00 PM
City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840

1. Call to Order
2. Hear Visitors - At this time, the Chairman will open the floor to citizens wishing to address the Board on issues not already scheduled on today's agenda. The citizen presentations will be limited to three minutes in order to accommodate everyone who wishes to address the Board and to allow adequate time for completion of the agenda items. The Board will receive the information, ask city staff to look into the matter, or will place the matter on a future agenda for discussion. (A recording is made of the meeting; please give your name and address for the record.)
3. Consideration of absence requests:
 - November 4 ~ Jean Gould
4. Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.
 - October 7, 2013
5. Public hearing, presentation, possible action and discussion regarding bike lanes on Eagle Avenue and parking.
6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding trail project priorities.
7. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.
 - November 6, 2013 ~ Council Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting ~ Municipal Court Building, Room 203/Conference Room A ~ 3:30 p.m.
 - November 7, 2013 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - November 21, 2013 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - December 2, 2013 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.
8. Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board of the City of College Station, Texas will be held on Monday November 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed, to wit: See Agenda

Posted this the ____ day of _____, 2013 at ____ p.m.

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

By _____
Sherry Mashburn, City Secretary

By _____
Kathy Merrill, Acting City Manager

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board of the City of College Station, Texas, is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall, 1101 Texas Avenue, in College Station, Texas, and the City's website, www.cstx.gov. The Agenda and Notice are readily accessible to the general public at all times. Said Notice and Agenda were posted on _____, 2013 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

This public notice was removed from the official posting board at the College Station City Hall on the following date and time:
_____ by _____.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2013.

CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

By _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Notary Public- Brazos County, Texas

My commission expires: _____

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CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
Planning & Development Services

Absence Request Form For Elected and Appointed Officers

Name Jean Gould

Request Submitted On 10-2-13

I will not be in attendance at the meeting of November 4th, 2013

For the reason (s) specified: _____ (Date)

Scheduled Surgery



MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday October 7, 2013 3:00 PM
City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, Vice-Chairman Sherry Ellison, Greg Stiles, James Batenhorst, Philip Lasley, Jean Gould and Scott Shafer

VISITORS PRESENT: No visitors present

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza and Board Secretary Kristen Hejny

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:02.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were no visitors attending the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.

Board Member Stiles motioned to approve the meeting Minutes from September 3, 2013. The motion was seconded by Board Member Gould and was approved (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the following item(s):

- Lick Creek Greenway Trail

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented updates on this item.

Ms. Garza stated that most of the neighbors around the Spring Brook HOA requested an eight foot sidewalk back of curb along Longmire Drive and have some trees removed and replaced.

Board Member Shafer asked about the bike lane at Barron Rd. & Highway 6. Ms. Garza explained that there is room within the roadway to strip bike lanes which would continue along Barron Road when the road is extended.

Board Member Brick asked about lighting in the area. Ms. Garza explained that there is no proposed lighting. Section A and C will receive lighting from the street lights and in the middle section, possibly where the rest areas are but would will have to ask the project manager.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation and discussion regarding bike lanes and parking.

Ms. Garza presented this item.

Ms. Garza stated City Council requested this item come before the Board for discussion but after further review this item will require coordination with other departments because of other factors involved. Staff will bring this item back to the Board for an update once staff has coordinated efforts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation and discussion regarding trail project priorities.

Ms. Garza presented this item.

Ms. Garza explained that project priorities for the next fiscal year will soon be requested for review by the Budget Office. Ms. Garza explained that the entire Advisory Board can be involved in the process of reviewing trail priorities or a sub-committee can be formed to prepare these recommendations.

The two current high priority trail projects include the extension of the trail along 2818 to Holleman Drive and the trail that extends from Texas Avenue to Central Park along Bee Creek.

The entire Advisory Board chose to participate in the trail project priority discussions.

Board Member Lasley requested a list of the trails be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Ms. Garza will propose criteria to ranking the projects along with the listing at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- October 17, 2013 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- November 4, 2013 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Shafer requested discussion on the review of current CIP projects related to biking and walking.

Mr. Shafer requested the discussion on connectivity and its relationship to biking and walking be addressed at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Blanche Brick, Chairman

Kristen Hejny, Board Secretary



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
Planning & Development Services

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2013
TO: Members of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
FROM: Venessa Garza, AICP, Greenways Program Manager
vgarza@cstx.gov
SUBJECT: Bike lanes and parking on Eagle Avenue

Item: Public hearing, presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation on bike lanes on Eagle Avenue and parking.

Background: This item is before the Board to seek comments and input on a request for the addition of parking on Eagle Avenue in front of 10 homes near the intersection of Eagle Avenue and Victoria Avenue. There are currently bike lanes on Eagle Avenue consistent with the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan.

In January 2010, as a part of the adoption of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan bike lanes were proposed from SH 6 to William D. Fitch Parkway (SH 40) to create a safer biking environment, create an improved multi-modal transportation system, and provide connections between area parks, schools, and residential areas. Roadway conditions prior to the striping of bike lanes along the stretch in question permitted parking on both sides of the street.

In September 2012, bike lanes on Eagle Avenue were striped. Miscommunication occurred between City departments and the residents on Eagle Avenue did not receive a courtesy notice prior to this change. Residents also received parking citations for parking in the bike lanes soon after installation. The tickets received by area residents were dismissed due to the lack of advance notice and usual grace period. At that time residents expressed their grievances including the lack of notification, safety for children provided by parked cars as a buffer to the sidewalks, lack of parking for visitors and others servicing their homes, and the possible inability to sell their homes in the future.

Staff apologized for the lack of notification although not required but also made residents aware that Eagle Avenue is a public street and on-street parking could be removed at any time for safety reasons or as deemed appropriate by the City which is part of the reason each home is required to have its own off-street parking. In this case it is provided through a garage and driveway accessed via a rear alley. It was also explained that the bike lanes create a safe place to travel for bicyclists on a busy road.

Staff is seeking input on two options:

- 1) Keep the bike lanes striped on both sides of Eagle Avenue.
- 2) Remove the bike lane on the side closest to the homes from Victoria Avenue to 200 feet past Night Rain Drive as well as add sharrow markings. Sharrows guide bicyclists to the best place to ride on the road, help bicyclists avoid car doors and remind drivers to share the road with bicyclists. Unlike bicycle lanes, sharrows do not designate a particular part of the street for the exclusive use of bicyclists.

The Board's input/comments will be forwarded to the City Manager's office for consideration and final determination.

Attachments(s):

1. Area Map



The City of College Station

Planning & Development Services



Homes with Request
for On-Street Parking

0 200 400 Feet

MARKHAM LN



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2013
TO: Members of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
FROM: Venessa Garza, AICP, Greenways Program Manager
vgarza@cstx.gov
SUBJECT: Trail project priorities

Item: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation on trail project priorities.

Background: This item is before the Board to review and update trail project priorities for FY15. Trail projects are currently prioritized based on the methodology used during the creation of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan. Staff is requesting the creation of a second set of criteria to be proposed and finalized by the Board.

Staff is proposing the following criteria for assigning priorities to different trail projects:

1. Ownership – Higher priority to City owned property or existing easements
2. Immediacy of Development in the surrounding area – Higher priority to areas where residential development will occur in the next few years
3. Others to consider include:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Connectivity to Schools and Parks
 - c. Regional Connectivity

Staff is also proposing identifying two trail projects based on purpose: transportation and recreation. Once trail projects have been finalized a surface type can be discussed.

Attachments(s):

1. Trail Projects Map



The City of College Station Trail Projects

Legend

- - - Multi-use Path Proposed
- Bike Lane Existing
- · - Bike Lane Funded
- · · Bike Lane Proposed
- Bike Route Existing
- · - Bike Route Proposed
- Multi-use Path Existing
- · - Multi-use Path Funded
- Grade Separation Existing
- · - Grade Separation Funded
- · · Grade Separation Proposed
- CSISD Schools
- CSISD Property
- College Station Parks
- College Station Greenway
- College Station Property
- College Station City Limits
- Bryan City Limits
- College Station ETJ



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