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BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 5, 2025

4th Floor Conference Room

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Sign-in
- 2) Approval of Minutes from October 2024 and April 2025 meeting.
- 3) Discussion of the 2025 Bike Week activities
- 4) Active Transportation Academy Scholarship
- 5) Other Discussion if time permits
- 6) Next meeting: TBD



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**City of Rolla – Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2025
4:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Ken Kwantes, Aimee Campbell, Tina Balch,
Darin Pryor, Tom Coots, Doug James (Zoom), Angela Keehn

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ken Kwantes, Chairman

Members received handouts and Darin Pryor gave the introduction.

A brief discussion followed regarding what would be discussed at the next meeting on May 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th Floor Conference Room.

Due to the fact the meeting did not have a quorum, discussion only followed.

No formal votes were taken.

Pryor stated he will set up a formal National Bike Month Proclamation to be announced at the City Council meeting on May 5, 2025. All members are invited to attend. Campbell will announce Bike week activities on the radio May 6th, as well as make updates to the flyer including the new dates of May 12th through May 17th. Campbell suggested a press release as well for Bike Week and sent out around May 1st.

There was discussion about a possible giveaway, maybe a gift card or gift basket with bike swag.

Pryor asked if there are any summer bike events planned. Campbell stated Big BAM has been moved to September, due to the NICA function, Escape from the Lion's Den, which was already planned for August. Rolla Ramble is going to be over a weekend this year and Campbell thinks that it is currently planned for the second weekend in September, she will double-check the dates. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Kwantes asked if there were any other items to be discussed and James responded that Kid's Safety Day would be coming up sometime in July and Campbell confirmed the date as July 19th 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. It was determined that there is time to prepare for this event.

Pryor brought up that at one point the committee discussed the possibility of talking with members of Lion's Club to have a city trail tie into and connect a trail through Lion's Club Park. Kwantes said there has been a little bit of talk, but that is all so far.

Coots stated Community Development had met with a couple of new developers, and they've expressed interest in adding new walking trails and connections to already existing trails within the city. One of those has plans to connect to the trails at the Audubon Trails Nature Center off White Columns Drive. At another location there is a development that is hoping to have trails added that would possibly tie into the north side of Lion's Club Park, contingent on what the Lion's Club Board decides.

Kwantes ended the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

**City of Rolla – Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes –October 1, 2024**

In Attendance: Ken Kwantes, Darin Pryor, Jeremy Jamison,
Aimee Campbell, Tina Balch, Tom Coots, Angela Keehn,
Dennis Noel, and Bradley Clay (MST)

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.** by Ken Kwantes, Chairman
- 2) Minutes of the May 30, 2024, meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Jamison seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024 meeting. Voice vote showed all ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.
- 3) The next item on the agenda to discuss was Bike Across Missouri (BAM) Rolla Ramble 2024 which took place August 25-28, 2024.

Aimee Campbell stated that approximately forty to fifty people participated in the Rolla Ramble. Which was a manageable number of people especially since this was a first-time event for the Chamber of Commerce. The feedback was positive and encouraging for next year. Changes for next year will include adding more water stations along the route, and possible route changes. The organizer of the event (also the organizer of the BAM on the Katy Trail) was happy with the event and the turnout. He will be sitting down with Campbell soon to have a follow-up discussion on any changes and improvements for next year.

Jamison stated there is another event for the same weekend next year at Lion's Club Park already scheduled. Campbell mentioned pushing BAM back a month may be a good idea based on feedback from some of the event personnel and participants due to the heat and scheduling conflicts.

- 4) Discussion about Escape from The Lion's Den, a mountain bike event sponsored by National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) ensued. Jeremy Jamison, coach of the Ozarks United Composite Team which is also sponsored by the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) spoke about their participation in this event and planning to host again next year at Lion's Club Park. Feedback from the event planners and riders was positive. Lion's Club is planning to close the entire park for the event next year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, offering dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday for a small fee.

Discussion about this event led into discussing the need for additional shared use trails and paths throughout Rolla and in the vicinity of Lion's Club, Lanning Lane and Rolla Street.

- 5) Darin Pryor spoke about the FY2024-2025 Budget being approved by council for the new fiscal year. Street Capital Improvement Funds of \$780,000 for sidewalks and bike trails. One of the projects to be completed with these funds is the Route E sidewalk project, this will extend the current sidewalk on Route E from the Highway Patrol all the way to the city limits. There is also funding to start the replacement and addition of ADA ramps around the city.

Ken is part of a new committee, Intermodal Transportation Advisory Board for the region. He would like to get some of BPAC's unfunded projects in front of the Commissioners of Phelps County who will be attending a meeting on November 7th at 9:30 a.m. to give them additional information for projects that may benefit Phelps County in other ways than just roads and bridges. For example, a trail to Rock Island, a trail to link Rolla and St. James, or a link to the Katy Trail. Ken will send out a reminder about the meeting closer to November 7th.

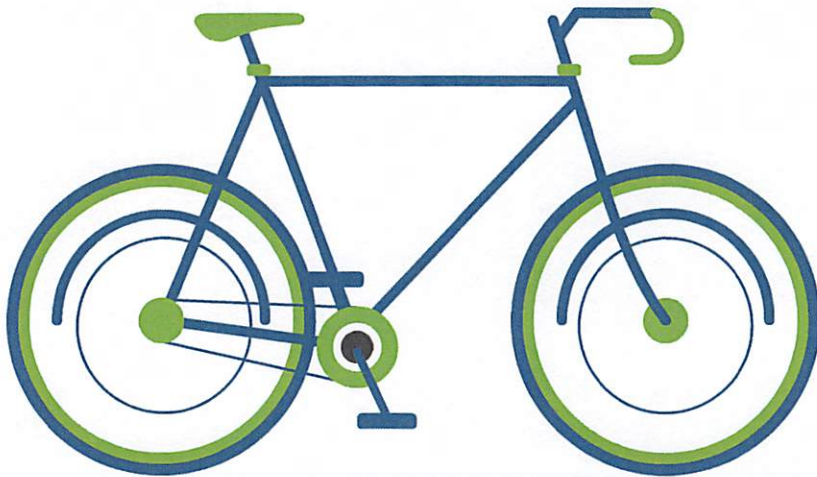
- 6) The sixth order of business to discuss was E-Bike concerns brought up by a citizen complaint. The city currently does not have an ordinance that addresses them specifically. The council may be looking to this committee for input on how or even if there should be regulations for them in the City of Rolla. Discussion about Class 3 E-bikes ensued about what these bikes are, how fast they can go, who is primarily using them, and where most of the use within the city is happening. Most agreed they had not seen or encountered much use outside of the University campus area.

Bradley Clay stated that there is an abundance of E-bikes and motorized scooters being used on the S&T campus. The University has been in discussions many times about the issues they've encountered and how it should be handled. They aren't planning to do away with bicycles or E-bikes/scooters, however they are deciding if there needs to be restrictions specifically for motorized i.e. class 3 electric bikes or scooters that can reach speeds of up to thirty miles an hour. One major issue that was decided was that people are not allowed to bring any battery-operated bikes or scooters into any building on campus due to the high rate of batteries that cause fires.

The committee discussed examples of ordinances from other cities that Darin provided, the committee agreed the ordinance from the City of Perryville had a lot of what we are looking to implement into the City's future ordinance. Darin Pryor stated he would have something written up for the next meeting which defines the downtown district, maximum speed, shared use paths and sidewalk usage, and safe operation of the E-bikes.

- 7) The last order of business was determining the next meeting. It was decided that early in the year would be best to complete a couple of the goals that were discussed in the previous meeting. Such as decorating a bike in March for National Bike Month and posting it on the BPAC Facebook page and placing an ad in the Phelps County Focus, as well as creating a brochure. It was determined that a February meeting would be early enough in the year, a survey will be sent out before the end of 2024 to find a specific date that works for everyone. The motion to end the meeting was made by Ken Kwantes, all agreed by voice vote, all ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

BIKE WEEK



**MAY
12-18**

MONDAY, MAY 12

Tune into KTTR in the morning
to hear about BPAC updates

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Bike Safety Awareness
Check out social media for tips

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

VisitRolla Facebook page
giveaway

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Bike to School Day

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Bike to Work - It's National Bike to
Work Day!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Bike with your buddies
Take a selfie, use #bikeweekrolla