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BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 30, 2026

Rolla City Hall

901 N. Elm St.

4th Floor Conference Room

5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Sign-in
- 2) Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2026
- 3) Bike Month/Week
- 4) Review of current members
- 5) Kids Safety Day 2026
- 6) Other Discussions
- 7) Next meeting: TBD

**City of Rolla – Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Ken Kwantes, Aimee Campbell, Tina Balch, Bradley Clay (5:30 p.m.), Jacob Rohter, Darin Pryor, Tom Coots, Dawn Bell, Doug James (Via Teams), Angela Keehn

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman, Ken Kwantes.

The meeting began without a quorum, so formal votes were taken at this time, agenda and packets were distributed, members proceeded with informational updates and discussion.

Amiee Cambell began the meeting with updates of several upcoming events. The local Route 66 Centennial Kickoff Block Party is planned for Saturday, May 2nd, from 2-7 p.m. in downtown Rolla. The Chamber has partnered with downtown businesses, including Public House, who are releasing a new Rt. 66 themed beer, and having live music. A cruise-in is planned, along with food trucks, downtown eats, giveaways, and family friendly activities. This is a one-day event and not intended to compete with Summerfest which is June 4th - 6th.

Campbell discussed another upcoming Route 66 cycling event. On June 9th, bicyclist Joe Barr will stop in Rolla while on his 2448-mile, eight-day, Guinness World Record attempt to cycle from Santa Monica, CA to Chicago, IL. His expected arrival in Rolla is around 8:55 p.m. The only thing that can be provided for him is a place to stop and rest; no assistance will be provided to him per event rules. He and his support team will stay at the Rolla Chamber of Commerce for his “pit-stop” and he will be available for interviews.

The next item discussed was the Hot Rod Power Tour which is scheduled for June 11th. Amiee Campbell explained that even though this isn’t bicycle related this event will bring approximately 6,000 cars through Rolla via Route 66 throughout the day. Springfield and St. Louis are overnight stops, making Rolla a great place to stop mid-way for lunch and additional activities the Chamber is exploring to attract drivers to stop here. Parking for the number of vehicles was discussed with suggestions for contacting MO S&T and using public City lots as well as looking into using the parking lot near the old Big Lots.

Big BAM was discussed. Campbell stated it is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, and Rolla will be an overnight stop during the Route 66 Centennial Ride. The Rolla Park’s Advisory Board approved the use of Ber Juan Park as an overnight camping location for bicyclists. Campbell stated the Chamber has secured bus service to transport riders to downtown for food, drinks, and other activities. There will be volunteers stationed at corners to help direct people to the downtown businesses and restaurants. Downtown promotions may include drink tokens at participating venues and possibly live entertainment. The race route is still to be determined; Darin Pryor stated to keep in mind that using Rolla Street would not be an option, as there will be a Public Works project going on at that time. Pryor stated that Pine Street would be a better option. The theme this year is Route 66 which commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the “Mother Road” with the route “loosely” following Route 66.

Darin Pryor gave a quick update on Kid’s Safety Day, which will likely fall on or around July 18th this year. Pryor spoke with Ron Eastlund about helping with purchasing helmets since his funding is limited. We will discuss this more at the next meeting in April.

Up next on the agenda was the review of the Parks and Trails map of the Comprehensive Plan. Tom Coots explained that this portion of the plan focuses on proposed trail and bicycle improvements citywide through 2050, with a projected population of about 26,000 residents. This plan was developed by an outside consultant along with ideas that were discussed and documented at a BPAC meeting several years ago. He wanted to get feedback from the Committee before the plan is finalized. Kwantes asked who would be finalizing the plan and Coots replied it would likely be the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Tom Coots from Community Development began with a proposed Route 66 Bikeway would follow Route 66 with some slight deviations coming into town and making its way into downtown. This “bikeway” would include bike lanes and bike lane sharrows. Kwantes asked specifically about 10th Street and Lovers Lane additions and Pryor responded that new sharrows will be added to 10th Street, as well as bike lanes.

The discussion moved on to the following proposed trail extensions:

- **Lion’s Club Park:** A trail that goes through the park.
- **Dutro Carter Creek:** Extend trail from Hwy 72 to Rolla Street along the creek.
- **University Connections:**
 - 14th Street corridor from campus to Schuman Park; with a possible extension to Bardsley Street.
 - Poole Avenue and State Street was discussed as a new pedestrian corridor.
- **Audubon Society Property:** Potential wildlife trail connection rather than a paved trail.
- **Coventry Park / East Bypass:**
 - Extend Park/trail along creeks/floodplain toward new proposed east bypass road
 - (Lion’s Club > Hwy 72 > HyPoint/I-44).
- **Frisco Creek School Connector:**
 - Trail from high school to middle and junior high following creek; might be tight but it is feasible.
- **Basswood. Oakland Neighborhood Connector:**
 - City-owned old landfill land is considered ideal for nature trails since the land is not suitable for construction.
 - Discussion of possible designation as a park.

Members all agreed that creek and floodplain greenways are in high demand and have high value for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity which in turn preserves and utilizes undevelopable land.

Discussion moved to a concern with a two lane, mid-block pedestrian crossing on Tim Bradley Way. Committee member Bradley Clay stated he believes this crossing lacks the required “yield teeth” markings. He brought this up because he witnessed a near-accident between a vehicle and a pedestrian recently. Darin Pryor said he would have Public Works review MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) requirements and install markings if needed.

The next topic discussed was Committee Membership. Darin Pryor informed the committee that there are currently two vacancies after Dennis Noel's resignation and since Tina Balch did not seek re-election to City Council, she will no longer be the Council Representative for this committee. The committee will not have any new appointments until after the new mayor is elected. Pryor went on to explain there will be an update to current code soon which will allow this committee to have up to eight members instead of requiring a minimum of eight members which will allow for more flexibility with member numbers and achieving a quorum. Pryor stated Committee Membership will remain on the agenda until the vacancies are filled.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. the committee reached a quorum when Mr. Clay arrived. At this time minutes from the January 28th meeting were reviewed, Chairman Kwantes asked if there were any corrections, none were voiced. A motion was made by Rhoter and seconded by Campbell to approve. All ayes, zero nays. Motion passed.

The next meeting was planned for April. Date to be determined.

Chairman Kwantes adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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