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

December 2, 2013

3:00 P.M.

**City Hall
Council Chambers
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas**



AGENDA

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday December 2, 2013, 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
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, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.
 - November 4, 2013
4. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding bike lanes on Eagle Avenue and parking.
5. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding trail project priorities.
6. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.
 - December 5, 2013 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - December 19, 2013 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - January 6, 2014 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.
7. 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.
8. 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 December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 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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MINUTES
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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jean Gould

VISITORS PRESENT: Matt Wofford, Billy Hart, Allen Berthold, Troy & Jamie Berthold, Joy Yost, Jason Arseneaux and Ryan Dykes

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza, Director of Parks & Recreation David Schmitz and Board Secretary Kristen Hejny

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:06

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

All visitors were available to speak on Agenda Item #5.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration of absence requests.

Jean Gould ~ Board Member Batenhorst motioned to approve the request. The request was seconded by Board Member Ellison, passing (5-0)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.

Board Member Lasley motioned to approve the meeting Minutes from October 7, 2013. The motion was seconded by Board Member Stiles and was approved (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Public hearing, presentation, possible action and discussion regarding bike lanes on Eagle Avenue and parking.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item.

Board Member Lasley asked for an overview of proposed and existing bike lanes in this area. Ms. Garza explained that Victoria Avenue, Graham Road, Barron Road, Longmire Drive and Eagle Avenue all contain existing bike lanes. There are proposed bike lanes on Newport Lane and Alexandria Avenue.

Ms. Ellison asked if driveway expansion for the occupants on Eagle Avenue was a possibility for creating more parking area. Ms. Garza explained that driveway expansion is allowable for that area.

Visitor Mr. Wofford spoke against removing bike lanes on Eagle Avenue. He stated that before bike lanes were put in on this road, the road was very congested with parked cars along the sidewalk creating traffic hazards. He also explained that many students use the bike lanes to get to and from the schools in the area and the proposed park.

Chairman Brick asked how wide the existing Eagle Avenue road was. Ms. Garza explained the road is currently 36 feet across and also has 6 foot sidewalks on each side.

Visitors Mr. Allen Berthold, Mr. Troy Berthold, Mr. Arseneaux, Ms. Yost and Mr. Dykes spoke in favor of removing bike lanes along Eagle Avenue citing that the bike lanes are rarely used by bicyclists and parking on the street creates more parking for both occupants and visitors.

Ms. Brick asked if the alley behind the Eagle Avenue homes is a public City maintained alley. Mr. Arseneaux stated that the alley way is public and City maintained.

Mr. Arseneaux proposed to the board to extend the sidewalk to eight feet on one side of the road to create a multi-use path.

Mr. Hart explained that when homeowners purchased the homes they had no knowledge of proposed bike lanes along Eagle Avenue. Board Member Shafer asked when the Bicycle Master Plan was completed. Ms. Garza stated that the Plan was adopted in 2010.

The board was asked by staff to provide comments that would be forwarded to the City Manager from the two staff proposed options. The third option was proposed by a citizen:

1. Keep bike lanes striped on both sides
2. Remove bike lane on one side for parking
 - o From Victoria Avenue to 200 ft. past Night Rain Drive
 - o Add Sharrows
 - o Parking could be removed for other reasons in the future
3. Extend sidewalk from six to eight feet on one side of the street, creating a multi-use path.

The Board was in general consensus to propose the second option of removing bike lanes and adding sharrows on the side closest to the homes in question, however, would like the HOA to begin a parking pass program for the homes to manage the number of cars parked on Eagle Avenue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding trail projects priorities.

Ms. Garza presented the list of proposed trail projects as identified in the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Master Plan to the Board.

Items 1-4 were presented to the Board by Ms. Garza. The remainder of the listed items will be presented at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 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.

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.

Ms. Ellison requested discussion regarding proposed bike lanes adjacent to City parks where parking isn't available within the park for example Richard Carter Park.

Mr. Batenhorst requested discussion on treatments needed at mid-block crossings and possible signalization at the intersection of Eagle Avenue and Victoria Avenue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Blanche Brick, Chairman

Kristen Hejny, Board Secretary