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

February 2, 2015

3:00 P.M.

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



AGENDA

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday February 2, 2015, 3:00 PM
City Hall 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, possible action, and discussion to approve meeting Minutes.
 - January 5, 2015
4. Consideration, possible action, and discussion to approve meeting absences.
 - Phillip Lasley ~ January 5, 2015
5. Public Hearing, presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on proposed changes to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan in relation to the request to remove the extension of Cain Road west of Holleman Drive from the City's Thoroughfare Plan.
6. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives.
7. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Trail Project Priorities.
8. Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Plan of Work.
9. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.
 - February 5, 2015 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - February 19, 2015 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
 - March 2, 2015 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.
10. 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.
11. Adjourn.

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MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday January 5, 2015 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, James Batenhorst, Brandon Boatcallie and Jon Denton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Shafer, Robert Lightfoot & Phillip Lasley

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Molly Hitchcock & Principal Planner Jason Schubert

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance.

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

Board Member Batenhorst motioned to approve the meeting Minutes, from December 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boatcallie and was approved (4-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Standards Contained in the Non-Residential Architectural Standards.

Principal Planner Schubert presented this item to the Board.

Chairman Brick asked if these standards are applicable to Northpoint Crossing.

Mr. Schubert explained that they are, and this development adopted many of the Northgate zonings and standards.

Ms. Brick asked if the new standards will be applied more often given the Planned Development District (PDD) applications being submitted.

Mr. Schubert explained the PDD's may change a few things, but unless expressed, they will still follow the base standards.

Board Member Boatcallie asked if an area of Lowes is meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible requirements.

Greenways Program Manager Garza explained that this has been discussed, and it meets the use of the area.

Board Member Batenhorst asked if tree wells are proposed to be modified within the ten foot sidewalk requirement.

Mr. Schubert explained that they are looking to modify that standard to create larger façades to accommodate larger, canopy trees. Currently they are looking at updating the ordinance that instead of requiring trees in planters or grates, trees will be within a certain proximity of a façade.

Mr. Batenhorst asked if the plaza on University Drive east meets the minimum requirements.

Mr. Schubert explained that because of the area's size, minimum requirements are met.

Mr. Schubert explained that they are planning on moving some of the standards that are not architecturally related out of the architecture section, and changing the thresholds of what the standards are based on, likely from a square footage to an acreage. This will change how the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway (BP&G) standards apply, specifically the ten foot sidewalk change in applicability to be based more on the use and demand, and to likely remove the plaza area as a requirement for larger projects. At this time these ideas are only in a conceptual stage and will be drafted later this month for presenting.

Mr. Boatcallie asked what provisions there are in place for bike riders to get to the building.

Ms. Garza explained that their actions would be the same as that of a motor vehicle and then a pedestrian when they get to the sidewalk.

Ms. Brick asked in respect to the standards that are being moved out of the architectural section of the UDO, where will they now be placed.

Mr. Schubert explained that some as BP&G standards will move to an "Off Street Parking Requirements" section. Sidewalks will be placed in a new section for sidewalks and pedestrian standards.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding the Draft 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategies.

Ms. Garza provided an overview of the Board's actions last time they reviewed trail projects which included top priorities and changes in trail priorities. The top trail Projects include:

- College Avenue Side Path
- Bee Creek West Trail
- Spring Creek Trail

Mr. Denton asked what the difference is between near term and short term.

Ms. Garza explained that near term is ten to twenty years and short term is zero to ten years.

Ms. Garza asked the Board if they would like to review each trail project in the meeting to come up with a few more trail projects to add to the short list or come to the next meeting having reviewed the list and come with individual short lists to discuss with the Board. The Board chose to come to the next meeting with their short lists.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding Plan of Work.

Ms. Garza presented the Board with top projects the Board is interested in working on.

Mr. Boatcallie asked if some items could be added to projects or events already underway or planned, for example, bike maintenance could be added to another event such as Earth Day.

The Board decided to focus subcommittee efforts in two areas:

- 1) Conducting Bikability and Walkability Audits – this will include intersection evaluations and the condition of facilities
and
- 2) Establishing performance measures and developing procedures for collecting baseline data

Ms. Garza will email the Board for a decision on which subcommittee they would like to serve on. Details on how to move forward will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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

- January 5, 2014 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- January 15, 2014 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- February 2, 2014 ~ 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Blanche Brick, Chairman

Kristen Hejny, Board Secretary



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**Absence Request Form
For Elected and Appointed Officers**

Name Phillip Lasley

Request Submitted on December 1, 2014

I will not be in attendance at the meeting of January 5, 2015

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

Will not be in town for meeting as expressed to the Board.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2015
TO: Members of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board
FROM: Danielle Singh, P.E., Transportation Planning Coordinator
dsingh@cstx.gov
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Cain Road

Item: Public hearing, presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission on proposed changes to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan in relation to the request to remove the extension of Cain Road west of Holleman Drive from the Thoroughfare Plan.

A Thoroughfare Plan amendment has been submitted for the removal of the extension of Cain Road west of Holleman Drive. Since the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Master Plan included bike lanes and sidewalks along this extension of Cain Road, a Master Plan amendment would also be required. At this time, a recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission on the proposed changes to the Master Plan is needed.

Background: On June 5, 2014, a preliminary plan was approved for Mission Ranch which is located adjacent to the Comprehensive Plan amendment request. Mission Ranch was originally Master Planned in the ETJ prior to the development of the Comprehensive Plan and is therefore vested and not required to comply with the Thoroughfare Plan. The approved preliminary plan for Mission Ranch did not include the extension of Cain Road. This Comprehensive Plan amendment would remove the extension of Cain Road and associated bicycle and pedestrian facilities though the adjacent property to prevent a permanent dead end street.

This item is scheduled for public hearing and recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission at their February 5, 2015 meeting, followed by City Council's final action at their February 26, 2015 Council meeting.

Attachments:

1. Map

