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

March 7, 2016

3:00 P.M.

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



AGENDA

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday March 7, 2016, 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 Absences:
 - Robert Lightfoot ~ February 1, 2016
4. Consideration, possible action, and discussion to approve meeting Minutes.
 - February 1, 2016
5. Presentation and discussion regarding the Chesapeake Unpaved/Natural Trail Project.
6. Presentation and discussion regarding education and encouragement opportunities such as Brazos Valley Earth Day.
7. Presentation and discussion regarding BPG Subcommittee Updates.
8. Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.
 - April 4, 2016 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.
 - April 23, 2016 ~ Earth Day~ Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater and Festival Grounds ~ 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
9. 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.
10. 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, March 7, 2016 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

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Codigo Penal §30.07. Trespasar Portando Armas de Mano al Aire Libre con Licencia.

"Conforme a la Seccion 30.07 del codigo penal (traspasar portando armas de mano al aire libre con licencia), personas con licencia bajo del Sub-Capitulo H, Capitulo 411, Codigo de Gobierno (Ley de licencias de arma de mano), no deben entrar a esta propiedad portando arma de mano al aire libre"



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION
Planning & Development Services

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

Name Robert Lightfoot

Request Submitted on February 1, 2016

I will not be in attendance at the meeting of February 1, 2016
for the reason(s) specified: _____ (Date)

I am working in Atlanta Ga. This week and will not be able to attend.

Thanks,
Robert Lightfoot



MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, February 1, 2016 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
Council Chambers
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, James Batenhorst, Brandon Boatcallie, Jon Denton, Phillip Lasley, Scott Shafer

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Molly Hitchcock, Board Secretary Amber Johnson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were no visitors present to address the Board.

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

Board Member Denton motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Board Member Boatcallie and was approved (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation, possible action, and discussion regarding a recommendation on the Capital Improvements Program – Trail Projects and Priorities.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. Trail projects and priorities are reviewed every year for submission in the annual Capital Improvement Program process as unfunded projects for consideration. Trail projects are currently prioritized based on the methodology used during the creation of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Master Plan. This list is based on short (0-10 years), near (11-20 years) and long term (21-30 years) prioritization.

All projects were reviewed last year and a top 3 list was determined based on the following criteria:

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. Other factors considered:
 - a. Safety
 - b. Connectivity to Schools and Parks
 - c. Regional Connectivity

Board Member Lasley joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Staff is recommending that the priorities stay unchanged and is requesting a recommendation from the Board for submission in the FY17 Capital Improvement Program budget process.

The current priorities as voted on by the board in January 2015 are as follows:

	Name	Miles	Priority	Notes
1	College Avenue Side Path	0.79	Short-term	To be funded with MPO FY19
2	Bee Creek West Trail	0.42	Short-term	Submitted Unfunded project
3	Spring Creek Trail	3.49	Short-term	Submitted Unfunded project

Chairman Brick asked what the best way would be to advocating for more funding for these type of projects.

Assistant Director Hitchcock stated that the best suggestion may be to break these projects into smaller phases so that when funding does become available the projects are more viable.

Manager Garza stated that she could potentially separate the Spring Creek Trail project into phases and discussed which sections would be valuable to start with.

Board Member Shafer stated that the Spring Creek Trail would be a valuable project to prioritize due to transportation and recreational connectivity the trail would provide but the cost of the project is a concern.

Board Member Shafer stated that it may be beneficial to have signs created that would raise awareness in the community of the trail projects when a trail is proposed where residential development hasn't occurred yet.

Manager Garza stated that informational signs may be a good idea to create more awareness. However, Ms. Garza noted that sometimes the trails take a longer time to fund and signage would be something that would need to be agreed upon with the developer.

Board Member Shafer stated that there should be a mechanism that allows the trails to be installed in conjunction with new streets in new housing developments and should be seen as an amenity.

Board Member Batenhorst stated that if it is something that is designated on the Master Plan that it would be something the developer is responsible for.

Manager Garza stated that although the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) states "design and build" the city has never required the development of trails.

Chairman Brick asked if that is something that could be recommended by this board.

Board Member Batenhorst stated that there is some hesitancy due to the legalities of making that type of request.

Manager Garza stated that there would need to be an examination of the legal aspects that other communities encountered.

Assistant Director Hitchcock stated that there is the issue of proportionality. In requiring developers to build these trails there is a question of fairness in terms of how much residents of the development would utilize the trails versus how often it would be used by the community as a whole.

Board Member Shafer stated that the funding of the trails in the future could come through the use of Parkland Dedication fees.

Manager Garza stated that would be something that could be looked into and discussed with the Parks Department and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Board Member Batenhorst stated that he is pleased with the list of present trail project priorities.

Board Member Shafter agreed that the present list looks good but that it may be beneficial to have the separation of the projects into phases as previously discussed.

Board Member Batenhorst motioned to recommend approval of the Capital Improvements Program – Trail Projects and Priorities list.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Shafer and was approved (6-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation and discussion regarding Capital Improvement Projects for FY16 that include bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. Ms. Garza updated the board on the Capital Improvement Projects that include bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are to be funded in Fiscal Year 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation and discussion regarding education and encouragement opportunities such as Brazos Valley Earth Day.

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. Brazos Valley Earth Day will be held on April 23, 2016 at Wolf Pen Creek and an email will be sent out to allow the board to volunteer at the event. Ms. Garza stated that she is looking at suggestions for new items to hand out to event attendees.

Board Member Shafer suggested purchasing reflective sticker sets that can be placed on bicycles.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation and discussion regarding BPG Subcommittee Updates

Greenways Program Manager Garza presented this item to the board. Ms. Garza stated that there were no new updates regarding the Subcommittees.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- February 4, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- February 18, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- March 3, 2016 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- March 7, 2016 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: 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.

Greenways Program Manager Garza stated that the Director of the Parks Department, David Schmitz, will be attending the next meeting to discuss the Unpaved Trail Project at Chesapeake and Alexandria.

Board Member Shafer asked if Mr. Schmitz would be able to speak to the board regarding the idea that was discussed involving the Parkland Dedication funds.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Blanche Brick, Chairman

Amber Johnson, Board Secretary