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The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met on May 19, 2016 at The Clark County Home Health Agency, 273 Shoppers Drive, Winchester, Kentucky at 10:00AM.

Those in attendance were:

Mr. Stephen M. Berry, GISP, Clark County GIS, Walk-Bike Clark County

Ms. Olivia Whitman, Clark County Health Department

Ms. Beth Jones, Greater Clark Foundation

Mr. Gordon Parido, Clark County School Board

Ms. Linda Barrett, Citizen

Ms. Bobbie Newell, Citizen

Session Content:

Stephen Berry stated that he had included a list of Goals, Goal Statements, and Performance Measures in the agenda packet. The group was asked to review these documents. Ms. Whitman volunteered to examine the best Robert Wood Johnson health indicators to use as performance measures for the Walk-Bike Plan.

Mr. Berry presented an outline of the Winchester-Clark County Pedestrian Bicycle Master Transportation Plan. Ms. Jones volunteered to help edit the document. Ms. Whitman stated that the Clark County Health Department has staff that can proof read the document for technical errors. Mr. Berry stated that he would begin work on the plan text next week. He stated that a draft of the plan should be available for review at the next BPAC meeting.

Mr. Berry presented the top ten projects and programs list. This list was based on a survey of 32 projects and programs mentioned in public comments, surveys, and the public meeting. The top ten was based on 20 responses to an online survey.

The top ten projects and programs were:

Complete Streets resolution

Trail at WMU Reservoir
Sidewalk on 627 to GRC High School
Sidewalks on Ecton Road (out to Save-A-Lot)
BCTC to Strode Creek
Establish portions of abandoned rail beds as trails
Industrial Park sidewalks
Shoulder improvement along McClure Road
Pedestrian/Bicycle route to GRC
Bicycle signage for roadways
Colby Road Improvements (shared use path, bike lane, continuous sidewalk to Bypass etc...)
Sidewalk program

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The BPAC group evaluated each of the projects and programs based on 4 criteria: Demand, Barrier Reduction, Social Benefit, and Affordability. Each criteria was ranked from 1 to 5, with 5 being the best score for each criteria.

The final ranking of these projects was:

- 1. Colby Road Improvements
- 2. Pedestrian Access to George Rogers Clark High School via Old Boonesboro Road (Phase I)
- 3. Establish portions of the abandoned railroad bed as trails
- 4. Sidewalks on Ecton Road to Save-A-Lot
- 5. Bicycle Signage for County, Rural Roads
- 6. Walking Trail at Lykins Park
- 7. Access to GRC High School for all pedestrians and bicyclists (Phase II)
- 8. Sidewalks and shared use paths along Professional Ave and along abandoned RR Bed to Wiseman Park and Fulton-Fitch
- 9. Alley Tour Designation and Signage
- 10. Connectivity for Local Parks (from original list)

Three projects from the original top ten list were removed. These were: Trail at WMU Reservoir, Industrial Park Sidewalks, and Shoulder Improvement along McClure Road. These projects were graded low due to high cost, low social benefit, or low feasibility.

Other items were removed from the list, and will be included in separate, special sections of the plan. These can be classified as programs and will be included in a section of the plan dedicated to programs and policy:

- 1. Establishment of a sidewalk funding and policy program to construct, rehabilitate, and improve sidewalk and trail infrastructure in Clark County.
- 2. Complete Streets resolution to focus all planning, construction, and maintenance of public road on "all users".
- 3. Work on a comprehensive Education Strategy to inform walkers, bicyclists, and drivers about safety, public policy, and advocacy.

Next BPAC Meeting: June 16, 2016. Location: TBD