

Healthy Franklin County - Physical Activity Task Force
Built Environment Work Group
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Sam Thrush, Hugh Graham, Elizabeth Grant, Noel Purdy, Melanie Furlong, Intern
Absent: Guy Shaul, Katie Hess, Elena Kehoe

The group reviewed and approved the minutes with a correction to edit “Dr. Pomroy” reference.

The group reviewed the Physical Activity Task Force work plan and reconciled it with the built environment work plan.

Activities include:

- Inventory and research existing planning documents throughout Franklin County – inventory completed but analysis/recommendations to be done 2017-2018.
- Make recommendation for healthy design policies
- Create multi modal trail connectivity map of F.C; draft completed – needs to be refined in 2017-2018
- Inventory existing physical activity facilities in FC
- Research and assess feasibility of implementing bike share program in F.C.

Teleconference with Andy Mowen, Professor of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management at Penn State:

- the County is probably long overdue on its Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Trail and Open Space Plan and State Grant dollars could support that effort - which would promote a better or more updated infrastructure inventory.
- Andy spoke with Mike Eshenmann at DCNR and he mentioned that Cumberland County has a good plan model to follow.
- Pashek is retired, but I assume the firm is still in operation and might have some of the original data from the last plan. Mike Eshenmann also mentioned that the Franklin County Greenway Plan was more recent.
- Contact DCNR Regional Advisor, Jay Schreiber, to track down resources to pull together inventory
- Review Allegheny/Franklin County PANA study that Andy did back in 2004. Much has changed in the County since then however
- Many grant opportunities exist
- Andy reviewed HFC website and said promoting events is a good start. Including recreational physical assets is a good idea—he said getoutdoorspa is a good model but HFC could drill down and have more local and relevant data
- Collecting data will be hard; bootstrap by municipality or work with consultant –update recreation plan

The group decided to review Andy’s follow up information at the next meeting to discuss next steps. The FC MPO is updating the LRTP and has an [interactive survey](#); please distribute to your networks. The Chambersburg Borough’s Bike and Ped plan is finished; it will be presented to Council at the next meeting. Other: Sam reviewed the trail connectivity map. Melanie will research status of waterway trail with Sen. Alloway. Elizabeth and Noel to continue to check on road diet impacts in Carlisle and Gettysburg.