

Healthy Franklin County - Physical Activity Task Force
Built Environment Work Group
Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 – 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Minutes

Present: Sam Thrush, Hugh Graham, Elizabeth Grant, Noel Purdy, Heather Myers, Dr. Elizabeth George

Absent: Katie Hess, Elena Kehoe, Maria Misner, Melanie Furlong, Guy Shaul, Ann Spotswood,

The group reviewed the May minutes. The group did not meet in June, July or August however the group was emailed updates regarding project updates.

Bike Share/Library – Project Feasibility Update

Noel reported that finding an organization to take on the liability of the project has been the biggest barrier. Summit Health is not interested. A private individual who has an interest in the project is researching liability insurance. It was suggested that the Borough of Chambersburg, from an economies of scale and existing recreational programming perspective, might be willing to take on the liability of the project. Sam, who chairs the Borough's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory committee, will add the project to the agenda for its September 26 meeting. Noel said she contacted PA DOT to find out if there were existing municipal bike share programs that could be referenced as a case study (she is playing phone tag). Sam said that Litiz Bike Works runs a rental/guided tour business but it is fee-based and not operated by the municipality. Alice Elia, with the Franklin County Library System, was interested in submitting a grant application to the County for the project which prompted more conversations about potential partners. The Franklin County Cyclists Club was approached to gauge their interest in providing in-kind maintenance support for the bikes. Karen Keefer said that FCC does not have the interest or capacity to provide maintenance support however they would be interested in providing free helmets for the program.

Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Plan Update

Sam reported that he created a memo for the Borough of Chambersburg to evaluate that includes a map with proposed wayfinding signage, signage and bike racks to be located in the downtown district, including the rail trail. The group asked Sam about what other bike and pedestrian improvements were included in the Borough's multi-modal grant; he sent an email to the Borough during the meeting. Sam thought that sharrows and crosswalks were included however, he would find out for sure.

LRTP and Trails Workshop

Elizabeth reported that the LRTP is not completed yet but will be soon. She said that Cumberland Valley Rail Trail Council is interested in extending the existing trail in Shippensburg to Chambersburg; the extension is included in the draft LRTP. Elizabeth said there are 3 property owners that would need to be engaged with. Sam suggested that the built environment committee could help lay the groundwork for this project by supporting a grant application for a feasibility study for this project; the County Tourism and Enhancement Quality of Life Grant could be an option. Elizabeth also [reported that the building stronger communities with trail connections workshop is at Shippensburg University on November 20.](#) Heather suggested that the Physical Activity Task Force members attend this workshop. Elizabeth also noted that she is on the planning committee for the trails workshop for 2019 and suggested that the built environment committee could assist in some way to help coordinate and promote the workshop. This could include serving on the committee, identifying workshop topics/facilitators for workshops (like Healthy Community Design) and promoting the workshop. It will be a statewide conference in 2019.

CHIP Year 3 Physical Activity Planning/ Built Environment Work Plan

The group reviewed the physical activity action plan/built environment activities. The following recommendations were made:

work on next year is trails workshop is coming up November

Review and Update Built Environment Work Plan

- Make recommendations for healthy community design policies – move to 2018-2019 program year
- Identify organization to take on liability of bike share pilot program
- Create interactive Story Map of existing physical activity facilities in Franklin County – map created
- Attend Borough of Chambersburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Meetings - # meetings attended
- Enhance multi modal trail connectivity (create GIS interactive map)? – check with Elizabeth
 - Suggestion to combine FCC routes and MPMC for cycling map
- Assist with Statewide Trails Conference 2019 (November)

MEETING SCHEDULES

The next regular meeting is on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The built environment committee will start meeting every other month after the October meeting. The Physical Activity Task Force will meet in the alternate month.