



Committee Meeting ~ NIRPC January 4, 2018

Members & Guests –Aaron Borngraber, Robert Boklund, Mark O'Dell, Dean Button, AJ Monroe, Jeff Sheridan, Chris Moore, Craig Zandstra, Don Parker, Jenny Orsburn, Chuck Gleason, Denny Cobb, Richard Morrisroe, Karen Walker and Tim Cole

Staff – Mitch Barloga, Rachel Veronesi, Charles Bradsky and Mary Thorne

Mitch Barloga called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with self-introductions. The Committee needs a new Chair and possibly a Vice Chair.

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- A. South Shore Trails (SST) Update** – Don Parker reported that they are working on projects related to bike and hike advocacy for 2018 and are willing to partner with interested communities and agencies.
- B. Greenways + Blueways 2020 Plan Update** – Mitch Barloga said the update is now being formatted and staff is reviewing the content. It will go out for public comment and come back to the Board for final adoption in March.

Pedal

A. Feature Presentation I: 2017 Year in Review – *Mitch Barloga, NIRPC*

Mitch Barloga briefly presented on every project completed in 2017. They included:

- Westchester Liberty Trail - Chesterton
- Little Calumet River Levee Trail – Munster, Highland, Griffith and Gary
- Oak Savannah Trail – Erie Lackawanna Trail connection. Issues with parked trains blocking the trail need to be worked out.
- Hawk Signal at 45th in Hammond with a raised speed table
- Two bike sharing programs in Valparaiso and Miller. Miller also has a build-a-bike program.
- Mural on a tunnel under US 30 on the Erie Lackawanna Trail
- TIGER grant application for the Marquette Greenway. Results of the application should be forthcoming soon.
- Indiana Trail Study update – there were nine trails reviewed overall
- In October, a drunk driver drove his car onto the Wolf Lake Bridge and the bollards that were on the trail probably will not be replaced.

Brief discussion followed.

B. Project Scope Change Request – East Chicago

Mitch Barloga said NIRPC has worked closely with East Chicago on their request and we are in favor of supporting this scope change. If this committee approves it, the project will then go to the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee (TROC). The project was explained by _____ from East Chicago. He said that by not spending money on pile driving on the bridge, the linear footage of this segment of the trail will actually be doubled by using that cost savings. This will help East Chicago obtain access to the trail system. It is not a project change; it is a scope change. After brief

discussion, it was noted that East Chicago will provide data and estimates to TROC at their meeting on January 30. Mitch added that NIRPC's committees are in the process of establishing by laws. The unanimous consensus of the committee was to approve the recommended scope change.

Paddle

A. NWI Paddling Association –

No update was given.

Grab Bag

A. Project Updates

There were no project updates.

B. Emerging Trends Videos – Mitch Barloga showed a brief YouTube video on “State Street”, a fly-through animation of the proposed State Street Master Plan in West Lafayette, Indiana.

C. General Announcements

- Robert Boklund provided some additional information on the September 24 NWIPA event to be added to the October 2017 minutes and will provide the information to Mary Thorne after the meeting. Mary will also provide the la Porte Chain-of-Lakes Blueways and mapping to the committee members via email.
- Mitch Barloga said NIRPC merged the Greenways + Blueways Facebook and Twitter identify into the NIRPC identity.

D. Next 3PC Meeting is Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.