

**Pathways Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2014 5:00 pm**

Present: Lacey Cunningham – (first term expires August 2016)
Kate Kellum – (third term expires August 2015)
Roger Kuhnle – (third term expires August 2014)
Reanna Mayoral– Asst. City Engineer
Mike Mossing – (third term expires on August 2014)
Becky Moreton – (third term expires August 2016)
Scott Rone – (second term expires August 2015)
Mike Worthy – (second term expires August 2015)

Also attended by: Daniel Logan (12 years in the search business)
Alyssa Schnugg, from the Oxford Eagle

Absent: Tim Akers, City Planner – Staff Liason

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm.

1. The meeting started with the introduction of Daniel Logan and the discussion of searching for a new City Planner, as Tim Akers will retire at the end of April.
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 - a) Considerations discussed-
 - Importance of a right fit culturally with the community.
 - Discussion about where you see the planning department and city moving. Will they lead or follow other communities efforts?
 - Communities that have been successful – Athens GA does a good job, as does Madison WI, Ann Arbor MI and Fort Collins CO.
 - Other, closer and smaller Cities having Planners with recent experience in encouraging walking and cycling within an urban environment are Hattiesburg, Tupelo and Hernando. Memphis is also getting a fair amount of good press in the bike area.
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 - b) One of the things the Pathways Commission grew out of was the rail-to-trail conversation. The Commission went from advocating for specific projects to Complete Streets and Smart Growth.
 - We want a place that is Healthy – where kids can walk and bike and feel safe.
 - We would like Pathways to become less necessary over time.
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 - c) Who will fits in this community? We hope for a great communicator, a forward thinker and someone very persuasive
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 - d) In 1998, the Vision 2020 plan was proposed, which included good principles about planning in Oxford, especially in philosophy, but not necessarily in the land use code. It would be great if the codes could be made to match the philosophy.
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- Daniel Logan reported that it is likely that the Board of Aldermen will interview the candidates. The call should be on the city's website this week.
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2. Commissioner Kellum motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moreton and approved unanimously.
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3. Commissioner Rone distributed the February 2014 Minutes. Commissioner Worthy motioned to approve the Minutes, which were seconded by Commissioner Kuhnle and approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Engineering -
 - a) Road construction related to Hospital construction- especially related to bike lanes and right and left turns.
 - Belk to Old Taylor Road - (Bicyclist going left or straight, end bike lane – cyclists join traffic, if cyclist is going right, keep bike lane).
 - Old Taylor Road from campus on the New Bridge – (Bicyclists on left can join traffic OR dismount and use a pedestrian signal to walk bike; if cyclist is going straight or right – the cyclist must keep in the bike lane).
 - Old Taylor Road to campus (Bicyclists going left can join traffic OR dismount and use pedestrian signal to walk bike; If cyclist is going straight or right – the cyclist must keep in bike lane) -- likely the most concerning.
 - Continuous bike lane through Whirlpool Road.
 - Discussion about right turn conflicts. In San Francisco – the philosophy is to direct right-turning motorists to the right most part of the road (including bike lane). Other ideas include ending the bike lane.
 - Temporary road will be on KitchenAid Drive.

New Business

1. Letter to People for Bikes was not sent.
2. Discussion was tabled until next meeting, concerning Plans for 2014 and Oxford being awarded a Valley Sustainable Gold Community.

Commissioner Moreton motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Rone and approved by all present.

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2014.