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**MINUTES
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN ADVISORY GROUP
Remote Participation
May 26, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Advisory Group meeting was held remotely on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Niedermaier.

Members Present:

Chairman Craig Niedermaier
Peggy Reins
Stephen Sanders
Ticia Doughty-Ashcroft

Staff Present:

Kathy Thake, Staff Liaison
Tom Powers, Village Engineer
Katie Schneider, Community Engagement Coordinator
Andrew Vitale, GIS Coordinator
Nathan Bruemmer, Community Development
Nick Zakula, Police Bureau Chief

Also Present

Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Acting Village Manager

Matthew Abtahi has informed Chairman Niedermaier that he has moved out of Niles and will no longer be able to serve on this Group. At this time Chairman Niedermaier alongside the Mayor is evaluating the vacancy.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Group Member Reins, seconded by Group Member Sanders, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021, meeting; on voice vote all concurred.

New Business

I. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update – Scope of Work Review (Epstein)

Consultant Gustafson stated the scope of work has been shared with the Group. Monthly meetings will take place at the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Group (“BPAG”) which will act as the Steering Committee for the update. Chairman Niedermaier indicated that the challenge of working with high schools is the number of schools in the area as it relates to the stakeholder interviews. Stakeholder interviews can be grouped together into one meeting. Epstein will provided a

proposal for stakeholders for review. Discussion continued on the engagement events and timeframe to hold these events. Existing conditions for data gathering was briefly reviewed and the method of collection. Agency coordination is key in this update and the decision to add Cook County would be beneficial to this update as well.

Chairman Niedermaier made a statement on how can Niles do something unique in Niles as it relates to bicycle safety. He feels the update is multipronged from attracting younger families, marketing, and increasing creativity and is looking for Epstein to keep this in mind during the plan update. Consultant Gustafson stated he will mark this down and keep in mind as the update and agency coordination takes place.

Other Discussion

None.

Comments from the Public

None.

Next Meeting

Date and time to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Group Member Reins, seconded by Group Member Sanders; all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Kathy M. Thake
Staff Liaison