

Athens in Motion Commission

MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2023

**Location: ACC Gov Planning Department, 120 W. Dougherty Street
Planning Auditorium**

Attendees

- Lauren Blais John DeVine
- Mark Ebell Teresa Friedlander
- Randy Halstead Scott Long
- Todd Miller Daniel Sizemore
- Craig Topple Dale Van Cantfort
- Blaine Van Note

Welcome

Lauren opened the meeting at 4:16 pm

Public Comment – no comments

Agenda

Lauren opened and shared the agenda. There were no changes suggested. Dale moved to accept the agenda. Mark seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Lauren shared the previous meeting minutes. Correction made to mark John DeVine as an attendee and update Lexington Rd progress. Teresa moved to accept the minutes. Randy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Minutes

Major Items (06:17)

Event tabling opportunity: REI Co-op opening weekend

- February 10-12 Friday, Saturday, Sunday (1-5 PM)
- Will table with Bike Athens table (thank you, Scott) Mark F 3-5, Randy, Lauren, Daniel, Teresa

AiMC Logo vote

- Final vote on new logo
- Reviewed final three logos
- Teresa motioned to accept logo #1, with some refinements. Lauren seconded. Motion approved. Teresa will work with designer on minor refinements.

AiMC Proposed Expenditures

- 12K for items:
 - FY23 dollars – need to be spent by end of fiscal year June 30, 2023
 - \$3.5K to re-open WikiMap (from Toole 2018 for new AiM)

- Dale motioned to approve use, Randy seconded. Motion approved.
 - Proposal to allocate \$3.5K
- \$3.5K public engagement & outreach as part of AiM revision
- \$2K reflective vests w/new logo and any other safety tools for giveaways
 - Lauren motioned to approve use, John seconded. Motion approved.
 - Education & Communications committee will explore purchase for vests to include logos of AiMC, Bike Athens, & Ga Bikes (potential co-branding).
- Proposed social campaign
 - If we are ready to launch any social media campaign, \$3K for a social media intern
- Develop platform to develop/push our message
 - Dale motioned to approve use, Randy seconded. Motion approved.
 - Proposal to allocate 3K for social media intern
 - Daniel with check on who would need to supervise

Policy and Projects detailed status

- Crosswalk policy update
 - November meeting attended by ACC staff, provided feedback
 - December meeting completed rough draft, ready to hand off to ACC staff for review before submitting to the full commission
- Identification of bike lane gaps and prioritization of identified gaps
 - Build off success of Prince Ave, identify next project using ACC Bike Facilities map
 - Need more information on how much this might actually cost

Necessity of trail lighting

- Greenway/Firefly Trail lighting
 - Consideration of our trails as critical bike/ped transportation corridors even as daylight hours shift during the year
 - Safety, critical transportation corridors for community
 - Various community groups should meet to discuss further (Greenway, ACC, UGA, etc)

Staff Updates (1:17:25)

Park Planning

Todd Miller, Park Planning Coordinator

- Firefly Trail Expansion – Bridge over Trail Creek under construction. Estimated March 2023 completion
- Carr’s Creek Greenway – contract approved. Construction will begin in February
- Firefly Trail Phase III – still acquiring easements in Winterville segment
- Firefly Trail East Broad St – burying power lines (Ga Power) before construction begins, estimated completion March 2023
 - Motion to authorize ACC Staff to explore curb cuts at the trail head of firefly trail. Lauren motioned, John seconded. Motion passed.

Transportation and Public Works

Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator with Rani Katreeb Assistant Director of Transportation

- Prince Avenue Project – Passed
 - Next steps
 - Currently creating a list for short term and long-term improvements to bring to M & C
- Barber Street
 - Walk audit scheduled for February 2nd
 - February 7th M&C will vote
- Chase Street
 - multi-use path will go out for public engagement soon (roundabouts or traffic signals)
 - Just scratching the surface, will be a tight schedule

Athens in Motion Plan Update

- Plan comments can made on shared google drive
 - Deadline for initial comments: January 31
 - Dividing up duties amongst AiMC Committees
 - Goal is to have project complete in August 2023
- Process/Notes
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Committee Reportback

- any reports will be submitted digitally

Adjourn

Adjourn: 6:02 pm

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 28th, 4:00 pm