**Planning and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Spotlight Room**

**Call to Order (6:00 pm)**

**Roll Call**

Present: Jason Wollard, Martha Horst, Dan Elkins, Stuart Palmer, Chloe Miller, Jimmy Holmes, Jeff Helms, Steven Peters, Amanda Hendrix, Wendy Bates, Tammy Harpel, Rick Valentin

Absent: Mike Torrey, Rhiannon Graham

Guest: Patrick Dullard, President of Friends of the Constitution Trail and Bike BloNo

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Committee Minutes**

Motion to approve by Senator Horst; approved by committee

**Chairperson’s Remarks**

Guest speakers for future meetings: Feb. 8 – Director of Risk Management, Feb. 22 – Representatives from ISU Strategic Task Force

**Order of Business:**

1. Status updates on Issues Pending List
   * Policies 3.4.7 and 4.1.14 will be presented as Information Items in Senate.
   * Policy 4.1.16 Non-traditional Constituents will be proposed for deletion from Senate list.
   * Policy 5.1.21 Advertisement or Sponsorship of Activities, Events, or Programs Involving Alcohol has gone through legal and there are revisions. We will need to review the policy. Rick will send policy out to committee members to discuss Feb. 8 and online through Teams.
   * 6.1.40 Unmanned Aircraft Systems – Chair Valentin needs to gather comments before we review.
2. Priority Brief Study: “Campus Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety and Transportation Planning”
   * Guest: Patrick Dullard, President of Friends of the Constitution Trail and Bike BloNo
   * Information provided by Patrick is in italics
   * Provided information about other bike/trail advocates/initiatives:
     1. *Bike BloNo is dormant now; past activities included volunteers painting bicycle lanes on Washington Ave*
     2. *Bike advocacy activities – Illinois Bike Summit; awarded Safe Routes to School grant for two trailers of bikes at start of pandemic, now working to get into the schools*
     3. *Other groups in area:* 
        1. *McLean County Wheelers – biking group focused on long-distance cycling; activities to engage community*
        2. *Spokeswomen – women’s riding group*
     4. *Municipal partners – strong working relationships with Friends of the Constitution Trail; funding to implement projects is the issue*
     5. *Believes there could be a stronger partnership with ISU to do bike-pedestrian safety*
     6. *Vision Zero – national effort with vision of zero serious accidents or fatalities*
   * Identified the main problem areas/issues in BloNo:
     1. *Veterans Parkway (public housing on Empire with no sidewalk to get to other side)*
     2. *Main Street corridor – students crossing at non-crossing areas*
     3. *Main Street & College Ave.*
   * Chair Valentin – Are bike-ped safety v. e-bikes separate issues?
     1. *Bikes & pedestrians against vehicles; law defines bicycle as a vehicle on roads, but a pedestrian when crossing street*
     2. *E-bikes: class 1 (pedal assisted), 2 (pedal assist, bit of throttle, not over 20 mph), 3 (no pedaling); difficult to ascertain when an e-bike is a motorized vehicle (how it is classified)*
     3. *Advocate for education about e-bikes & bike-ped safety, in general*
   * Senator Horst – Vision of an ideal bike lane?
     1. *Roads are built for most capacity – in areas with more pedestrian; solutions involve reducing lanes and including bike lanes, adding an island in middle*
     2. *Gregory Street – golf course won’t allow bike lanes on property*
     3. *Main Street – bike lane on both sides; but, should there be limited crossing on Main Street?*
     4. *Side paths – trail on side of road, separated from road but they are not as visible from driveways*
     5. *Believes engineers are now building roads for all users*
   * Chair Valentin: Requested clarification about “complete streets”
     1. *Considers all potential users when build a road or redo a road (years ahead)*
     2. *Required by state law*
   * *Encouraged committee to actively engage the Town of Normal*
   * *ISU has a very walkable campus (students can make it across campus in timely manner). Believes this curtails the use of bikes on campus.*
   * Chair Valentin: Connection of the trail and the university?
     1. *Collegiate Path - University does not want signage on campus; could not involve Quad*
   * Senator Horst: Ideal bike path on campus?
     1. *Develop along Sugar Creek and come into campus on College & Adelaide to connect the campus*
     2. *Trail bridges on both sides of Gregory that will connect to the Engineering School*
   * *Suggested providing information to new students at Preview, etc. about safety issues*

**Adjourned at 6:48 pm**