

Agenda for KBBC Web Video Meeting
9:30 AM (EDT) April 21, 2015

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Randy Thomas (KBBC), Ryan Holloran (KYOAG) Lynn Soporowski (KYTC), Troy Hearn (KYTC), and Carol Brent (KYTC)
Lexington, KY video/telephone	William Gorton (KBBC Chair)
Covington, KY video/telephone	Jason Ramler (KBBC)
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Katie McBride (KBBC)
Owensboro, KY video/telephone	Schley Cox (KBBC)
Elizabethtown, KY video/telephone	Vince Carman (KBBC)
Location unknown, video only	Jeff (unknown – did not speak through meeting chat or telephone)

- *Bring the meeting to order.* Bill Gorton.
- *Approve minutes of last meeting.* Motion by Randy Thomas with second from Schley Cox.
- *Treasurer’s report.*

Katie McBride reported that she has written all of the checks for the Paula Nye grants approved in November of 2014. Rockcastle County returned \$214 that they had not used for their recent Nye grant. The unobligated balanced in the account is now \$9,618.25. Bill noted that although the account balance is now small, that means that the funds have gone to the communities where it does the most good.

(Katie noted that Rockcastle County made the return check payable to “Paula Nye Memorial Bicyclist and Pedestrian Education Grant” rather than to KBBC. Since the account is in the name of KBBC, the bank did not want to accept the check. Katie requests that if this situation should arise in the future, commissioners advise the grant recipients to make the return check payable to KBBC.)

- *Updates on Paula Nye Grants*
 - a. *Status of 2014 awarded programs/organizations acceptance letters*
 - b. *Updates on delivery of checks, BIG check photos, and so on*

As Katie noted above, all grant checks have been written to the grant recipients. Due to business emergencies, Bill was unable to attend last week's ceremony for the delivery of the check to Morehead. Joe Bowen was to have taken care of it but Bill has not yet heard from him.

Bill noted that Katie and Vince have presented a positive presence in Louisville recently. Vince indicated that Louisville has a lot happening including a meeting of the mountain bike association with the Louisville mayor today. They will be having a trail maintenance day in May. The underground mountain bike park is great for the community; the closest similar park is in Cleveland, OH. There are multiple routes/ride options, some for cross country riders and some for BMX/skills riders. The mountain bike association is working with the owners; who have recently purchased bikes and are preparing to host skills classes in the summer.

Bill is going to be talking with the Fayette County YMCA about summer bike classes moving from the Fayette County schools to the YMCA. Troy asked Bill to check with the YMCA about Nye grant reports that are past due.

- *Updates for proposed changes to KAR relating to bicycle vehicle use*
 - a. *Has there been any communication of updates*
 - b. *Reminder of the timelines for the current edit to be considered*
 - c. *Current status?*

Jason reported that he has spoken with KYTC attorney Ann D'Angelo. She is preparing to submit the version of the KAR as recommended by KBBC last fall. She will update Jason on its progress through the process.

Ryan Halloran, KBBC attorney, described the approval process to the attendees. Once the regulation is filed with LRC, their staff will review it and will usually have questions. Ryan recommends that KBBC agree with any changes proposed by LRC or the committees unless they really cause issues. Once reviewed and edited by LRC, the proposed regulation will be published in the Administrative Register. The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee will usually have a hearing on the regulation. Once approved by that Subcommittee, there is an option for the jurisdictional committee (Transportation) to also hold a hearing. However, if the transportation committee decides not to hold a hearing within 30 days, the regulation becomes final anyway.

The KBBC members expressed concern that members of the public might raise new issues or contest the regulation as proposed. However; they have the document as it existed last summer before edits, copies of responses from the public to the proposed regulation, and feel confident that they can defend it as the best policy for

the current culture and environment. Ryan will attend any hearings to respond to legal issues raised. Several KBBC members indicated that they would attend hearings to defend the proposed regulations.

- *Updates to the partnership with KYTC (Bike/Ped Team) and the State Health Department on pedestrian master plan training*
 - a. *Paducah training had 20 participants*
 - b. *Morehead training had 40 participants*
 - c. *11 communities received \$500 mini grants, 30 different communities attended the training*

Troy noted that although the Health Department grants are specifically for pedestrian planning, the same process is applicable to the development of bicycle plans. He reiterated the wide attendance and noted that a couple of the communities have now hired outside consultants to get plans completed. This is the second year for the program. "Each year the training has improved the process and information provided to the communities." Troy commented that the health department now recognizes this training class as one of the top two or three programs receiving CDC funding.

- *New staff at the Office of Highway Safety to work with bike/ped safety and education, Ty Collins (WilliamT.Collins@ky.gov)*

Ty Collins' position in Highway Safety is a new position, required by the federal government. His job is focused on changing peoples' behavior, whether they be drivers, pedestrians, or cyclists. Ty is a former school teacher and an avid cyclist in Lexington; he appears to be well suited for this position. Ty will be at the LAB booth at Bike Lexington in May.

Troy's position is focused on transportation infrastructure and how bicycling and pedestrian needs fit within the transportation network. Their responsibilities should neither be in silos nor overlap because they are two different focus areas related to cycling and pedestrians; said Bill Gorton. Ty's main focus is pedestrians at this time because of the fact that Kentucky (through Louisville pedestrian fatalities) has been designated a pedestrian fatality focus area by FHWA.

The administration of the Nye grant program will remain with the Bike Ped coordinator in Planning.

KBBC's role should be to stay in the mix with both administrators and to assist with Ty's integration into KBBC safety activities. The Office of Highway Safety has some funding available but their use of funds is closely scrutinized.

- *Upcoming events that KBBC members may be attending or involved*

Jason Ramler took part in a regional trails summit last month. There were many people involved from government officials to trail planners. The goal is to review the existing trail network and find ways to connect to it. Elaine Wilson had been scheduled to attend but did not make it.

Randy is participating in the Bluegrass Bike Hike Horseback Water Trails Alliance representing KBBC and the Bluegrass Cycling Club. There was a workshop in January presented by Bluegrass Tomorrow and Russell Clark of the National Park service. The Alliance will be applying for federal parks grants to further their efforts.

Bill Gorton mentioned that the Bike Lexington family event will be on May 30, 2015 and that helmets and blinking lights will be provided to children through a Nye grant.

Randy noted that he has reached out to other bike club presidents and feels that there are positive, encouraging changes to local attitudes. The Stamping Ground mayor has contacted Randy to find out how to promote safety and cycling in her town.

Vince has been working with the Barren River ADD on blueways, greenways and bicycle routes on the highways. There is going to be a launch meeting for the Nye grant to assist them in developing a Master Plan Grant. He is also working with Lincoln Trail ADD and the local tourism agencies to get them involved in developing a Master Plan. He will be teaching a skills clinic at Fort Knox and working with a women's mountain biking event in Indiana in June.

- *KBBC Jersey and shirts*

The commissioners discussed having a KBBC jersey or shirt made. Schley had a quote from a business near him but Randy and Troy indicated that shirts could probably be purchased more cheaply elsewhere. There could be issues with styles selected (race cut vs club cut), minimum ordered, whether there would be both men's and women's versions purchased and how that might affect the minimum, etc. The commissioners would pay for their own shirts and could put in extra to purchase one or more for dignitaries. Commissioners indicated that they would prefer not to make a large investment in shirts at this time but to order a small amount then advertise them for sale on the facebook site to the general public.

Troy will send Schley a copy of the logo artwork. He and Randy will supply Schley with the contact information for their sources of jerseys.

Jason asked if a portion of the proceeds could go into the Paula Nye program. Ryan will research and let the group know his findings. Initially, he believes that as long as the purpose is to promote bicycling, KBBC would be within their authority to save some of the proceeds for Nye grants.

Jason indicated that he would also like to have a KBBC business card. Troy will investigate with the Cabinet print shop to see if they could print small quantities there. Katie indicated that it is possible to use home computers to print some and Randy noted that some companies provide small quantities as free samples.

- *Adventure Tourism's involvement with KBBC (comments from Elaine or Seth)*

Nobody from Adventure Tourism was in attendance.

- *LAB/Alliance for Biking & Walking survey completed by private company*

Neither KYTC nor Jason (who completed last year's survey) worked on the Alliance for Biking and Walking / League and American Bicyclists (LAB) survey this year. The issue has been that even though Kentucky ranked in the top eight in the Alliance report, we were ranked at the bottom of the LAB report. Pedal the Planet bike shop in Lexington paid an employee (for two weeks) to do the research for the report and submit it. Troy has not heard anything from anyone regarding the report.

- *2015 KBBC annual conference*
 - a. Location (Vince was checking in to a few places). Options for 2015; Park City & Cave City Area.*
 - b. Time of year (2013 was on Nov 8th & 2014 was on Nov 13th)
(Sure was cold last year)*

Elizabethtown was proposed as the location for the 2015 annual conference due to its central location. The Trans American Trail goes near town and KBBC could partner with KMBA Louisville to find somewhere for participants to ride.

The consensus is that it would be good to move the conference from November into October if possible and to avoid UK football games. October 10th and 24th were suggested as non-UK football home game days, but on October 10th both a major mountain biking event and a major road biking event are being held in the region. Troy will check with the Lincoln Trail ADD regarding availability of meeting and hotel space for the weekend of October 24th.

- *Other business*

Bill suggested that it would be good to have another Bike Summit in 2016. Kenzie Gleason organized the last Summit in 2013.

Troy complimented Schley on working to get flashing lights installed where the Owensboro Greenbelt trail crosses US-231. The lights can be triggered either by a cyclist or by a driver. Troy has provided Schley's contact information to the Owensboro MPO so that he may be more involved in their preparation of a bicycle and pedestrian master plan

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM (EDT). The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM (EDT). Agenda topics should be sent to Troy Hearn troy.hearn@ky.gov by 7-16-2015 for inclusion in the July meeting.

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