

## **E.I. Bike & Ped. Committee**

### **Minutes – 1/16/2019**

#### **Call to Order:**

**Present:** Alesia Sanderson, Ken Stone, Mike Taylor, Cris Lauback, Wanda Collins. *Guests:* Randy Martin, John Mackowiak

**Absent:** Ken Ambrose, Branden Burt, Anne Schrott, one vacancy

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from last 2018 meeting (due to summer vacation, hurricane damage, and holidays) on 5/16/2018 approved.

#### **Business:**

**Post Florence Updates:** Alesia updated members on the status of Path and Town related damage and progress after Hurricane Florence. The Town has done a remarkable recovery and Departments are aware of needed maintenance and repairs to the Emerald Path, notably repairs on Coast Guard Rd. due to water main break, washed away fill on the side of the Path near Osprey Ridge on CG Rd., root damage to pavement in the wooded area across from CVS, tree trimming and roots near Lands End, and overflowing standing water near the corner of 58 and Coast Guard Rd. Emerald Isle Woods is like a war zone with many downed and hanging trees which will need to be removed to reopen paths (the park is closed for safety reasons and contractors are being sought for removal). The Disc Golf course in the park is well buried and probably sustained a lot of damage (there is \$2650 of unused funds from a Parrot Head fundraiser that could be used to restore some of this once the woods are reopened). McLean/Spell Park is in a similar state and will also need to be cleaned out. The bridge to M/S Park that was begun in August is still not completed, although the majority of work done before the storm survived quite well (contractor has been ill but has been notified of desire to complete the project that he started). \$7500 of the \$15,000 cost of this funded by B&P donations has already been paid.

**Bike the Banks Event:** Mike updated members on the Bike the Banks event this year held on 5/4/2019, and passed out save the date post cards. These have already been mailed to area bike shops and other interested parties and members were encouraged to pass these out to friends, relatives, and groups. The on-line event enrollment form is up on the web, Alesia ordered event signage that we talked about needing last year, other signs are in good shape, and contacts will be made with police, etc., as we get closer to the date. Wanda stated that the Garden Club was again eager to coordinate with Bike the Banks to do Bikes and Blooms again. Bikes and Blooms will be featured in the April Island Review and should also help publicize the Bike the Banks event. Alesia will again take care of T shirts. We will need to secure sponsors and volunteers for the event. Ken S noted that we might have been heavy on snacks last year at a cost of \$930 and we may want to review our needs and choices. The total amount spent

for last year's event was \$2169. Mike will look at last year's expenditures and plan the event accordingly. Wanda will work with Mike on Facebook postings for the event and members who have Facebook were urged to share the event. Fliers for posting, news articles, and publicity need to be worked on but we are off to a good early start, and (weather permitting) should make for a bigger and better event this year.

**Other Comments/Ideas:**

- Wanda is working on our Facebook page and needs photos of the Path and bicycle and pedestrian related activities to post regularly. Ken S will contact Julia Wax of Emerald Isle Realty to ensure she is OK with our posting about their Emerald Isle map that we compiled with them a few years back. We can also enclose the insert on Path routes that went along with the map.
- Mike (who is also on the Golf Cart Committee) brought members up to speed on golf cart issues related to the B&P Committee. It seems a good likelihood that a golf cart only path will be installed on the opposite side (from the Emerald Path) of Coast Guard Rd. for a short distance near Osprey Ridge later this year, with funds coming from part of the golf cart registration fees. The B&P Advisory Committee has previously let the Town staff, Commissioners, and police know of our concerns that this not be abused by folks who may want to travel on the Emerald Bike and Pedestrian Path with golf carts and may not be capable of delineating the difference between the two paths. A strong educational and enforcement program will need to be in effect for safety.
- There was some discussion about fountain/dog watering stations along the Path that we have been thinking on for some time; costs seemed prohibitive in the past but we may look into this again.
- Members should check out our Friends of the Path Facebook page and also familiarize themselves with the Committee's By-Laws.
- Our fiscal status to date stands at \$55,885. We will be using @\$15,000 to pay for the McLean/Spell Park bridge leaving us with around \$40,000 in the kitty. It is expected that some of this may need to be used for Path maintenance. No new large projects are expected at this time (i.e. Lee St. Path) unless we have a substantial influx of donations.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:55. **Next meeting is February 20, 2019.**