

Gahanna Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015, 6-7pm
Gahanna City Hall
200. S. Hamilton Rd, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Attendees: Tony Collins, David Jeffords, Tricia Kovacs, Tom Lizkay, Jeni Mantle, Kate Moening, Alex Morrow, Steven Simeon (new member), Paul Smith

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Safety Study Follow Up
 - a. Staff Review still being conducted: will be finished by next meeting.
 - b. Open Town Hall: a Gahanna forum used to post questions to the public by City staff on various topics; Just unveiled and would be a good forum for our traffic safety question(s). BTAC will use to gain additional traffic safety insights from the public; Kate will modify current questions, if needed, and email to team for approval. Tony or Beth at Parks will post on the forum after approval.
3. Trail Projects – Under Construction
 - a. Big Walnut Trail Section 5: moving forward, but some opposition from golfers. Parks will be doing more education on the trail and issues related to cyclist/golfer conflict.
 - b. SRTS: Sidwalks started on Hiel, Johnstown and Hamilton road, coming soon!
 - c. TRICIA Question: Science Blvd Trail repave? Bike trail being repaved from Science Blvd to Rice Ave. Development going in a Foxwood (Homewood) that will benefit the area, developer is working with city on connectivity.
 - d. KATE question: BWCT break by the Section 7 bridge fixed? The Price Rd. sewer line need required the trail to be broken for about 10 feet, the project is complete and Tony will see to the repaving as soon as possible.
 - e. KATE question: Rocky Fork Ped Activated Signals? Because of Safety Study input from High schoolers at one of the public meetings, City Engineer installed ped activated signals on the mid-block crossing on Rocky Fork, between the police station and the new Urgent Care/Kroger lot. They are being used, and Kate will be following up to do a success story/article for the paper or website. YEAH BTAC!
 - f. TRICA Question: Rocky Fork South Sidewalk? The sidewalk between the new Hamilton Rd. retail development and Big Walnut Creek Trail on Rocky Fork South is still to be completed by the developer.
4. Communications
 - a. Facebook – After discussion, it was decided to update BTAC Facebook posts through the Gahanna FB page, then through the Parks Page, and not create a new BTAC page. This will allow the maximum number of Gahanna residents access to the information, since they will not need to join a separate page. Jeni will create posts, and send to Tony for approval and posting.
5. Event Opportunities
Bike Corral at Blues and Jazz Festival, other events - Jeni idea, [Pedal Instead service through Yay! Bikes.](#) Kate will get quotes for possible usage at events, but it was discussed and decided to not fundraise for this service at this time. Possible sponsorship at events is a possibility. Events include Herb Day (may)

Blues & Jazz (June) Creepside (October) and Summer Concert Series hosted by Downtown Gahanna Business group.

6. Education:

Cycling Saavy Classes offered: Tricia Kovacs and David Jeffords Classes:

David and I have scheduled a Cycling Savvy course for May 15-16 at the Gahanna golf course clubhouse. This is a 3-part course but you can take just the classroom session if you'd like, or the classroom and on-bike sessions. It's an adult course, but kids age 14-17 can attend the classroom session on their own and the on-bike session with a parent or guardian. Here's where to register:

[Classes for Ohio](#)



The screenshot shows a search result for 'Classes for Ohio'. On the left is the CyclingSavvy logo, which includes a bicycle icon and the text 'CyclingSavvy' and 'EMPOWERMENT FOR UNLIMITED TRAVEL'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Classes for Ohio' followed by 'CyclingSavvy explores simple strategies to ride with confidence in plac...'. Below this is a blue link 'View on register.cyclingsavvy.org' and the text 'Preview by Yahoo'.

I promise you will learn something new to gain confidence on the road. We did!

Tricia Kovacs and David Jeffords

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Community bike ride this summer: Tricia suggested organizing a bike ride and make it a fundraiser for the Big Walnut Trail. July dates could be the 11 or 12, or 18 or 19. Sponsors could be an option. Due to limited time before July, a September or October ride would also be possible. ACTION: Tony will find out about Gateway Deadline for the fall (IT IS JULY 2) and when school distribution is (AUGUST 17)

KATE: Interested in offering an LCI Bike Education class for seniors through the Senior Center, perhaps this Summer. There will be a new Senior Center Coordinator transitioning soon, and this project will be brought to them as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: TENTATIVE: Tuesday May 26, 2015 at 6pm at City Hall (Monday is Memorial Day) Will check with Tony to confirm.