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BICYCLE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 PM
2. The individuals present asked to introduce themselves and share why they were interested in participating in the City of Longmont Bicycle Task Force. In attendance were the following individuals: Nicholas Ellens, Dierdre Sturm, Devin Quince, Kevin Long, Liz Young, Phil Greenwald, and Ben Ortiz
3. Ben Ortiz briefly discussed the purpose and intent of the task force which is to implement the Envision Longmont plan as well as help the city identify impediments to riding like debris, potholes, or drainage grates that might be a problem for people riding bicycles. Discussion ensued over the following items:
 - Lack of responsiveness on the part of the city when informed about debris in the roads.
 - How to influence design standards that would facilitate a bicycle-friendly environment such as a grid-based system instead of circuitous cul-de-sac development
 - Driver education
4. The task force was asked to identify the best time, day and location to meet. The task force decided that 7:00 PM on the third Monday of each month in the Twin Sisters Conference Room, Development Services Center would be best, but noted that the June meeting should take place on the fourth Monday (June 25, 2018).
5. Ben Ortiz asked the group to identify Task Force Norms and Code of Conduct. They agreed to the following:
 - Give everyone an opportunity to speak including going around the room during a discussion item where everyone remains quiet while the assigned person is speaking
 - Start meetings on time
 - Send out agendas one week in advance of the meeting
 - Ben Ortiz asked that everyone's personal conduct outside of meetings be above reproach so there is no opportunity for there to be criticism of any task force member. This will safeguard the work the task force is doing from bad press or criticism to City Council.
6. Agenda Item #5, Enhanced Multi-Use Corridor Survey Results was tabled. The presenter was unable to attend due to a last minute conflict. This item will be pushed back to the August meeting so the presenter can be available to answer questions about the survey.
7. Ben Ortiz asked what people that ride bicycles want and asked that each member consider not only their own experiences, but to consider the experiences of others and regard the question system-wide. Responses are as follows: 1) the task force overwhelmingly endorsed protected bicycle lanes over all other infrastructure. Striped bicycle lanes are not enough, 2) Infrastructure that supports "C" riders is needed. "C" riders are interested but concerned and represent a majority of the bicycle-riding population, 3) Begin buildout of bicycle infrastructure with a smaller area, but with a comprehensive buildout with protected bicycle lanes. Sidewalks are not appropriate for bicycles. 4)

Safe routes to get from point A to B; 5) Education on how roads are paid for which would show that everyone, not just people that drive cars, are responsible for the financing of the transportation system and that everyone should therefore be accommodated; the bicycle is not a toy but a form of transportation, 6) People that ride bicycles want an equitable transportation system. Currently, they do not have equity in the transportation system. 7) Direct, safe routes. 8) Concerns about door zone bicycle lanes.

8. Ben Ortiz provided an update on Bike to Work Day. It will be taking place on the fourth Wednesday of June (June 27th). The city will be hosting a breakfast station at the Civic Center plaza beginning at 6:30 a.m. The Lions Club has offered to make pancakes and sausages, and the city would be providing other food and juice as well. The Longmont Bicycle Company will be offering free maintenance tech support for riders.
9. Ben Ortiz noted that the task force may offer agenda items. It was suggested that a parking lot be created for agenda items where items can be added and removed on a regular basis. It was recommended that the following items be added to the parking lot:
 - How do we affect change to the City's design standards.
 - How can we get the city to adopt SB544 (Idaho Stop) which would allow cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and red light as a stop sign.
 - Report to the committee on the future influence of the self-driving car on the built environment.
 - Cross-walk education
 - Multi-modal study of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure in the City of Longmont similar to what was done in Lafayette.
10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.