
RESOLUTION NO. 62-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE HUMAN POWERED DELRAY (HPD) INTERIM
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN,
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Human Powered Delray (HPD) is a local citizens' advocacy group with the following goals:

- Promote biking and walking as alternative modes of transportation to reduce dependence on automobiles
- Improve the safety of human powered transportation
- Encourage healthier lifestyles
- Enhance the quality of life in Delray Beach through human-powered mobility; and

WHEREAS, HPD was formed in August 2013 to advance, among other things, the above stated goals; and

WHEREAS, several speakers at the recent Town Hall meetings sponsored by the City and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council urged rapid action to bring about strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, HPD has worked closely with City officials, State and County government agencies, the Lake Worth Drainage District, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), the Delray Beach Historical Society and other groups regarding its mission and goals and reviewed plans of the CRA, Parking Commission, DDA, and Green Implementation Advancement Board; and

WHEREAS, HPD has provided significant input to the City's efforts in revising the City's Land Development Regulations (LDRs), led bike and pedestrian safety awareness efforts, and produced an interim Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Master Plan) and an associated Phasing Plan for consideration by the City Commission. The interim Master Plan calls for a separate bicycle and pedestrian transportation network to and from the Central Business District (CBD), increased bike-ped access to the beach, connections to greenways on the canals, promotes intermodal connections such as a link to the Tri-Rail, and increased safety measures; and

WHEREAS, HPD has endeavored to draft its goals, initiatives, interim Master Plan, and LDR revisions put forth by HPD in such manner so as to be consistent with the Transportation Element of the City of Delray Beach's Comprehensive Plan and Palm Beach County MPO's plans; and

WHEREAS, the continued economic development of Delray Beach is in part dependent on developing alternative transportation modes to the automobile; and

WHEREAS, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements will reduce automobile congestion and/or slow the growth in congestion; and

WHEREAS, improved bicycle and pedestrian access to greenways, multimodal transportation hubs, and downtown entertainment and business districts will improve the quality of life in Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of biking and walking is in large part dependent on improved safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the goals and initiatives put forth by HPD will improve safety, promote healthier lifestyles, and have positive environmental outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Delray Beach endorses the efforts of HPD and directs City Staff to continue collaboration with HPD to advance its plans for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements with the City.

Section 2. The City of Delray Beach will direct staff to review and consider in a timely fashion the HPD interim Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and where appropriate incorporate into the City's LDRs.

Section 3. The City of Delray Beach agrees to review the HPD interim Master Plan and consider its implementation subject to available funding.

Section 4. The City of Delray Beach agrees to coordinate with HPD and other community groups via public participation reviewing recommendations to construct sidewalks where HPD and the community have noted deficiencies impacting public safety.


Section 5. The City of Delray Beach seeks HPD input to explore and pursue grants and funding sources for the implementation of the HPD interim Master Plan, sidewalk improvements, and other bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements throughout the City.

Section 6. The City of Delray Beach endorses the use of Lake Worth Drainage District Canals as bicycle and pedestrian greenways and will work with HPD and the Lake Worth Drainage District to make these greenways a reality.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on this the 2nd day of December, 2014.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


MAYOR

