

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Meeting of January 19, 2016**

The meeting was chaired by Dick Johnston in the City Council Chambers and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dick Johnston, Martin Goettl, Catherine Lee, Luke Hoppe, Dan May, Aaron Salmon, Kirk Jansen, Nathan Ruland

**Members Absent:** Marian Ritland, (There is also one vacant position on the Commission.)

**Staff Present:** Leah Ness, Pat Ivory, Todd Heinz

**Visitors Present:** Jeremy Gragert, Calvin Henderson

**Minutes.** The minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

**Election of Officers.** The following officers were appointed by the Commission:

**A. Chairperson.** Martin Goettl moved to nominate Aaron Salmon as Chairperson. Luke Hoppe seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aaron Salmon abstaining.

Aaron Salmon then chaired the meeting.

**B. Vice-Chairperson.** Dan May moved to nominate Dick Johnston as Vice-Chairperson. Aaron Salmon seconded the motion. The motion carried with Dick Johnston abstaining.

**C. Secretary.** Dan May moved to nominate Catherine Lee as Secretary. Nathan Ruland seconded the motion. The motion carried with Catherine Lee abstaining.

**1. Discussion of 2016 CIP Street Projects.** The Commission continued their discussion regarding the streets planned for the 2016 Capital Improvement Program. The Commission reviewed the summary of the Commission's comments from the December meeting relating to the following streets: Craig Road, Melby Street, Oxford Avenue, Spruce Street, Vine Street, Sixth Street, Chapin Street, Hogeboom Avenue, Mercantile Drive, and Churchill Street.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Dick Johnston moved to approve the pedestrian and bicycle related recommendations made at the December meeting for the 2016 street projects. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The Commission then discussed alternative improvements for the Park Avenue/Summit Avenue intersection. Three options were discussed and Leah Ness noted that these options would also be discussed by the Third Ward Neighborhood Association and officials from the University.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Dan May moved that the Commission recommend the option where Park Avenue does not extend north to Summit Avenue, but includes a cul-de-sac, pedestrian and bicycle connections to Summit Avenue, and pedestrian actuated signal crossing at Summit Avenue. Nathan Ruland seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Discussion on 2016 Commission Work Program.** The Commission had a discussion of possible projects and activities that the Commission would be working on during 2016. Pat Ivory reviewed the previous work program with the Commission and discussed the status of the projects listed on that work program. The Commission listed a number of projects that could be considered for the up-coming year. Pat informed the Commission that he would compile the list of projects that were discussed and send out the list for the Commission to prioritize. The Commission would then discuss their proposed work program in more detail at their February meeting.

**3. Discussion of Crosswalk Treatment Plan Committee.** The Commission continued their discussion about forming a committee to develop a plan for the installation of crosswalks in the City. Martin Goettl indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Committee and would contact outside community members about participating on the Committee. Leah Ness indicated that she would talk to various staff about serving on the Committee. She noted that she had sent out information to Commission members about Boulder's plan, but would send out information from other cities, more comparable to Eau Claire. The Commission indicated that they would discuss this further at the February meeting.

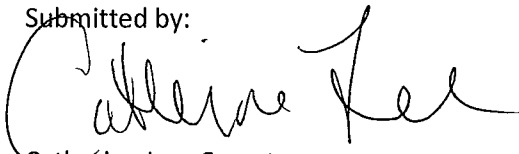
**4. Discussion of Commission Vacancy.** The Commission discussed the current vacancy on the Commission.

**5. Future Items and Updates.**

- a) Safe Routes to School Grant. Leah Ness informed the Commission that she was submitting a grant application for funding for the Safe Routes to School Program that would include bicycle racks at several schools and a trail connection to the south of South Middle School.
- b) Update of Bicycle Routes. The Commission discussed the timeframe for continuing the discussion of updating the bicycle routes shown in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Commission has already had two meetings discussing possible changes. Pat Ivory suggested scheduling the third discussion for late February or early March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary