

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting of February 16, 2016

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

Members Present: Aaron Salmon, Dick Johnston, Catherine Lee, Dan May, Kirk Jansen, Nathan Ruland, Dave Bohlinger

Members Absent: Marian Ritland, Martin Goettl, Luke Hoppe

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory, Todd Heinz

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

New Commission Member. Dave Bohlinger was welcomed to the Commission.

1. Discussion of 2016-2017 Commission Work Program. Pat Ivory provided an overview of the tabulation of projects and activities that the Commission had discussed at the previous meeting. Since the January meeting, Commission members were asked to prioritize the projects that had been discussed. Pat noted that the list could be used as a guide for the Commission's work program for 2016 and possibly 2017. Aaron Salmon suggested that the Commission discuss the projects at the March meeting and decide which projects should be undertaken. (An example given was Bike to Work Week.) The Commission should also discuss budget expenditures for 2016.

2. Discussion of 2016 CIP Street Projects. Leah Ness provided a brief overview of the City Council actions on the implementation of the 2016 CIP street projects. The City Council held public hearings on the street projects over the past few weeks and approved several including the recommendations of the Commission and some without including the recommendations. It was noted that generally, the City Council felt that streets listed with the local designation in the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan did not warrant the bicycle-related improvements recommended by the Commission. Aaron noted that the Commission's process for reviewing the 2016 street projects went quite well, but that the Commission should discuss ways to further improve and streamline the process.

3. Discussion of Crosswalk Treatment Plan Committee. Leah Ness updated the Commission on the formation of a committee to develop a policy plan for the installation of crosswalks in the City. Leah discussed the membership of the committee and anticipated that its initial meeting would be in March. Martin Goettl and Luke Hoppe will represent the Commission on the committee.

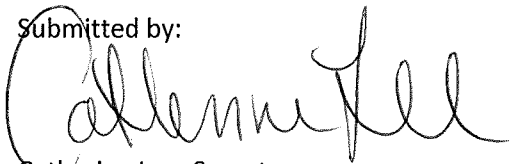
4. Update on Bicycling on Downtown Sidewalks. Pat Ivory updated the Commission on the status of the proposed changes to the ordinance relating to the prohibitions of bicycling on the Downtown sidewalks. He noted that he had finished meeting with all the business improvement district boards and business associations. He would be finalizing the provisions with the Police Department and City Attorney prior to City Council consideration.

5. Future Items and Updates.

- a) Madison Street Bridge. The Commission requested that pedestrian and bicycle safety issues on the Madison Street bridge be discussed at a future meeting.
- 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 indicated that he would send an email to all the Commission members to schedule the third meeting.
- c) UWEC Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee. Catherine Lee discussed the newly formed committee at the University related to pedestrian and bicycle issues. She indicated that she would try to attend their next meeting. It was also suggested that the chairperson for this committee be invited to attend a BPAC meeting to provide an overview of their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary