

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting of May 17, 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, Kirk Jansen, Martin Goettl, Dan May, Nathan Ruland, Dave Bohlinger

Members Absent: Marian Ritland, Luke Hoppe

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Jeremy Gragert

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

1. Discussion of 2016 Work Program and Budget. The Commission continued their discussion regarding projects and activities for 2016, which included a review of the estimated costs for the various projects. The Commission appointed Kirk Jansen, Dick Johnston, and Catherine Lee to review the projects that had been discussed and provide recommendations to the Commission at their next meeting.

Dave Bohlinger indicated that he would be willing to coordinate a “slow roll” bicycle ride in conjunction with the Healthy Communities Initiative. He stated that he would discuss this with Dawn Comte from the City’s Recreation Division and report back at the June meeting.

The Commission also discussed Wisconsin Bike Week as part of their work program. Jeremy Gragert provided an overview of the activities planned for the week of June 6th.

ACTION TAKEN: Dave Bohlinger moved that the Commission budget up to \$500 for Wisconsin Bike Week, \$100 of which would be a sponsorship to the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation for various costs incurred with the event. Dick Johnston seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update on Safe Routes to School Grant Application. Leah Ness provided an overview of the recently submitted grant application for the Safe Routes to School Program. If approved, the grant funds would be used for the installation of bump-outs, sidewalk connections, bicycle racks, and safety equipment of safety patrols. Grant award announcements are expected in July. Kirk Jansen indicated that he would be interested in assisting with the grant project, if needed.

3. Discussion of Walk Your City Program. Kirk Jansen discussed the Walk Your City program and indicated that the City should still consider some type of application of the program. (The Commission had discussed the program at their March meeting.) Durham, North Carolina was given as an example of how the program could be implemented. The Commission discussed the program and suggested that focusing on a corridor for the signage might be the preferred approach. Jeremy Gragert indicated that he had submitted a grant application for the program through the Home

Town Grant Program with Mayo Hospital. He expected to hear about the status of the grant request within the next few weeks.

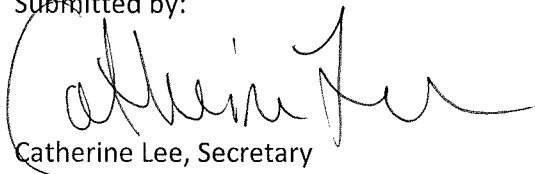
4. **Discussion of Bicycle Friendly Community Site Visit.** The Commission discussed the April 28th visit of Steven Clark from the League of American Bicyclists. Steven is a nationally known advocate for making communities more bicycle-friendly.

5. **Future Items and Updates.**

- a) Valmont Bicycle Boulevard. The status of the bicycle boulevard connection to the north of Markquart Car Wash was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary