

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting of June 21, 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, Dan May, Dave Bohlinger

Members Absent: Marian Ritland, Luke Hoppe Nathan Ruland, Martin Goettl,

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Todd Heinz, Dale Peters, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the May 17, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

1. Update on Recommendations on Boards and Commissions. Pat Ivory provided an overview of recommendations proposed by the Advisory Committee on Appointments related to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. The Appointments Committee reviewed the status of all of the City's boards and commissions and suggested changes to many of the groups.

The recommendations for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission are to reduce the Commission membership from ten persons to seven persons, not add a City Council representative to the Commission, and that the Commission review its mission and responsibilities as listed in the ordinance that created the Commission. The Committee felt that the Commission could operate more efficiently and be able to fill vacancies easier with the smaller size group. Commission members expressed disappointment at the proposed reduction in the membership and lack of Council representation on the Commission. They stated that the larger Commission membership provides for a greater knowledge base and diverse backgrounds for discussions and input. It also provides more people to assist in education and advocacy programs. They added that having a Council member would improve communication between the Commission and Council.

City Manager, Dale Peters discussed the Committee recommendations and noted that an important role of the Commission is developing policies related to bicyclists and pedestrians. The proposed changes will be considered by the City Council on August 8th and 9th.

The Commission discussed the changes and it was consensus of the group that they discuss this further at the July meeting and prepare a letter outlining the Commission's concerns about the proposed changes. They indicated that at the July meeting, they would also like to review the ordinance provisions that created the Commission and established their purpose and responsibilities.

2. 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 committee consisting of Kirk Jansen, Dick Johnston, and Catherine Lee discussed their recommendations.

Dave Bohlinger indicated that he had talked to Dawn Comte from the City's Recreation Division about coordinating a "slow roll" bicycle ride in conjunction with the Healthy Communities Initiative. He indicated that he would have more information at the July meeting.

The Commission also discussed possible educational projects and the need for a third bicycle repair station. It was mentioned that the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation is able to arrange billboard ads promoting bicycle safety and bicycle encouragement. Pat Ivory indicated that he would talk with the Parks Division about the usage of the existing bicycle repair stations and contact the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation.

ACTION TAKEN: Kirk Jansen moved that the Commission proceed with the expenses related to the purchase of six bicycle racks, additional bicycle lights (same amount as initial purchase), the bicycle friendly community signs, and funds for the printing of the bicycle map. The Commission will continue to evaluate the other budget ideas. Dave Bohlinger seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.


3. Discussion of Wisconsin Bike Week and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Workshop. The Commission discussed the Wisconsin Bike Week activities and the bicycle/pedestrian workshop held in Stevens Point on June 17th. Dan May, Dick Johnston, and Pat Ivory attended.

4. Future Items and Updates.

- a) Farmers Market Bicycle Rack. Dick Johnston informed the Commission that he had been contacted by a person that had some concerns about the placement of a bicycle rack at the Farmers Market. The Commission will discuss this at their July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary