

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Meeting of August 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, Dan May, Marian Ritland, Catherine Lee, Dave Bohlinger

**Members Absent:** Nathan Ruland, Kirk Jansen, Martin Goettl

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

**Visitors Present:** None

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

**1. Discussion of Commission Roles and Responsibilities.** The Commission briefly continued their discussion about their roles and responsibilities as set forth in Chapter 2.66. Aaron Salmon noted that he would complete the letter to the City Manager and City Council regarding the Commission's actions taken at the July meeting as directed by the Commission. It was noted that the City Council's recommendations regarding the Commission membership would be discussed at a Council work session. No formal date for Council action has been set.

**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. Pat Ivory provided an overview of the approved expenditures to date including those approved at the July meeting.

Pat Ivory stated that he had sent an email to Phil Fieber to see if his department would be interested in cost sharing for a bicycle repair station at Owen Park, but had not heard back from him. Pat also noted that the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation did sponsor a program to provide educational billboard ads for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Leah Ness indicated that she had not heard back from the Water Street BID confirming that the proposed bicycle corral would be installed in the street along the north side of the 400 block of Water Street. She would be meeting with the BID soon and estimated the cost of a bicycle corral at \$1,000.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Marian Ritland moved that the Commission proceed with the purchase of the educational ads through the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation and the bicycle repair station at Owen Park if sufficient funds still exist. The concept of cost sharing with the Parks and Recreation Department should continue to be discussed. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. **Discussion of 5-Year CIP.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the City's 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan related to the transportation improvements. Several trail and major road projects were included. The Commission discussed several of the projects. They questioned if repairs to the decking and railing of the Clairemont Avenue pedestrian bridge was included in the plan as the decking and railings are in very deteriorated condition.

4. **Discussion of Bicycle Routes Updates from Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** Pat reviewed the draft updates of the bicycle route system for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Commission had reviewed the existing routes at three special meetings. The Commission suggested changes based on street construction that had occurred since the initial adoption of the plan in 2010. The Commission also reviewed the routes based on the recently completed Chippewa Valley Bicycle Map. The Commission discussed the map and Pat suggested a possible change to have the map show only the primary routes which would be identified with the bicycle route signs and possible on-road identification such as bicycle lanes, edge lines, or sharrows. The Commission discussed if or how the secondary routes could be shown in the plan. Several alternatives were discussed.

The Commission decided to continue the discussion at their September meeting. The Commission also asked to prepare a map for the next meeting showing only the primary routes, which the Commission could then review to determine where routes may need to be adjusted. The Commission also discussed numbering the routes such as done in Wausau and Tucson.

5. **Other Items.**

- a) **Bicycling on Sidewalk Ordinance.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the Downtown bicycling on sidewalk ordinance. Pat indicated that ordinance would be considered by the City Council in September or October.  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Marian Ritland moved that the Commission recommend approval of the proposed changes. Dick Johnston seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.
- b) **Water Street Bicycle Racks.** Leah Ness noted that she had met with a representative of the Water Street BID to look at potential locations for bicycle racks and would soon be meeting with the BID board and several individual businesses.
- c) **Farmers Market Bicycle Rack.** The Commission discussed the citizen inquiry about the placement of one of the bicycle racks at the Farmers Market being too close to the curb to allow bicycles to be parked on both sides of the rack. Leah Ness indicated that she contacted the Parks Division staff and that they would determine whether they could be relocated.
- d) **Keith Street and Bracket Avenue.** Leah Ness informed the Commission that the "no right turn" on red light signs for Keith Street at Brackett Avenue would need City Council approval. She discussed possible dates for the consideration and that a representative of BPAC may wish to attend the meetings.

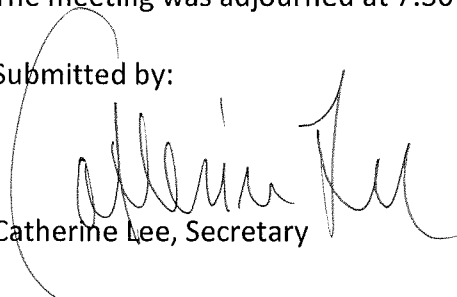
- e) Water Street Bridge Ribbon Cutting. Pat Ivory noted that the City was planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Water Street Bridge on September 1<sup>st</sup>. City Engineer, Dave Solberg is coordinating the event and was inquiring whether the Commission may wish to participate in some fashion. The Commission indicated that they would be interested.
- f) Sustainability Fair. Several Commission members indicated an interest in sponsoring a booth at the Sustainability Fair scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Discussion of Future Agenda Items.**

- a) Potential Trail Connection near Wastewater Treatment Plant. Aaron Salmon asked to have a discussion about the feasibility of constructing a trail connection for pedestrians and bicyclists from the vicinity of the Waste Water Treatment Plant to the festival grounds located to the southwest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
Catherine Lee, Secretary