

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting of September 20, 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, Kirk Jansen

Members Absent: Nathan Ruland, Martin Goettl, Dave Bohlinger (There is one vacancy on the Commission.)

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Todd Heinz, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Jeremy Gragert, Jozee Killoren

Minutes. The minutes from the August 16, 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. It was noted that the Commission participated in the ribbon cutting for the Water Street Bridge by having an informational booth. Aaron Salmon and Dick Johnson also organized an informational booth at the Sustainability Fest held on September 17th.

The Commission discussed expenditures and it was noted that the City was still waiting to hear back from the Water Street BID about the installation of the bicycle corral along the north side of the 400 block of Water Street. Pat Ivory noted that the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation educational billboard program had been eliminated. He added that Parks Director, Phil Fieber had indicated that his department would be interested in cost-sharing for a bicycle repair station at Owen Park, but not until 2017. Pat noted that some of the tools at the Lakeshore Park repair station are missing and will need to be replaced. Pat will check on the replacement costs.

Aaron Salmon indicated that it would be beneficial to have some additional promotional materials for the education booth. He stated that he would research the availability and cost of some additional materials.

The Commission will discuss the expenditures again at the October meeting once the Water Street BID responds about the bicycle corral.

Aaron Salmon added that he would like the Commission to have a discussion about the possible implementation of a Complete Streets policy. This discussion is listed in the Commission's work program.

2. Discussion of Bicycle Routes Updates from Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Commission continued their discussion about the update of the bicycle routes contained in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. At the August meeting, the Commission discussed a change where the bicycle-related improvements such as the bicycle route signs and on-road identification such as bicycle lanes, edge lines, or sharrows would be provided for only the primary routes. This change would provide a more sustainable program for implementation and maintenance of the designated routes. The specific improvements for each street would be determined at the time of reconstruction and based on factors unique to that street.

Pat Ivory reviewed maps showing suggested routes discussed by the Commission at three special meetings, with one map showing both the primary and secondary routes, the other only the primary routes. Pat then reviewed various gaps in the routes when utilizing only the proposed primary routes. He noted that one of the goals of the plan should be that routes connect with major park facilities, schools, and major destination areas. The Commission was asked to review this information and identify areas where gaps exist and where primary routes should be added. Aaron Salmon asked Commission members to send this information to Pat within two weeks in order to enable him to add these areas to the map.

The Commission also discussed whether the routes listed as secondary should be included in the plan and if so, how they should be labeled. The Commission indicated that they would discuss this further at the October meeting.

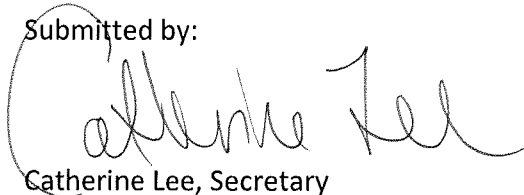
3. Other Items/Future Agenda Items.

- a) Water Street Bridge Bicycle Lanes. The Commission discussed the bicycle lane markings on Summit Avenue and the Water Street Bridge. The Commission noted that the City should consider some additional markings to identify the positioning of bicyclists making right hand turns onto State Street. The use of green paint to better highlight portions of the bicycle lane was also discussed. Leah Ness noted that some additional markings will also be added relating to the east-bound vehicle right turn lane.
- b) Menomonie Street/North Clairemont Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. Leah Ness noted that repair of the decking for the pedestrian bridge is not listed in the current 5-year capital improvement plan. Marian Ritland noted that it appeared that some repairs had been completed since the August meeting.
- c) Update of 2016 Street Projects. Leah Ness updated the Commission on the status of the 2016 street projects. Leah also noted that she would be presenting the preliminary list of projects for 2017 at the next meeting. As part of that discussion, the Commission could discuss the process for their review of projects and forwarding their recommendations on to the City Council.
- d) Keith Street Bicycle Box. The Commission noted that they should attempt to better educate the public about the installation of new bicycle facilities in the future. The new bicycle box on Keith Street was mentioned as an example.

- e) Water Street Sidewalk. The Commission questioned whether a pedestrian detour should be provided for the closure of the sidewalk on the north side of the 200 block of Water Street due to the construction of a new commercial building.
- f) Promotional Bicycle Rides. Jeremy Gragert asked about the status of a fall "slow roll" bicycle ride proposed by the Commission or possible rides in 2017. It was noted that Dave Bohlinger was coordinating the fall event, but was not present at the meeting. Jozee Killeren, a student at UWEC discussed possible bicycle events at the University and coordinating with BPAC.
- g) Crosswalk Policy. Leah Ness indicated that she would be scheduling a meeting of the Crosswalk Policy in October. It was noted that Martin Goettl would no longer be able to assist in facilitating the meetings. Kirk Jansen indicated that he would be willing to attend the meetings representing the Commission.
- h) Madison Street Bridge. Dan May noted again that a railing should be installed on the Madison Street Bridge separating the sidewalk from the driving lanes. This item was noted at a previous meeting, but Leah indicated that she would follow-up again about the request.

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

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary