

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Meeting of October 18, 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, Nathan Ruland,

Members Absent: Kirk Jansen, Martin Goettl (There are two vacancies on the Commission.)

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the September 20, 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. Pat Ivory noted that both of the bicycle repair stations had been vandalized and the Parks Division was in the process of ordering parts for the repairs. Nathan Ruland indicated that through his employment that he may be able to donate replacement tools in the future. The Commission thanked Nathan for the offer to donate the tools and Pat indicated that he would find out how to arrange a donation such as this.

Pat noted that the Commission should determine if there is a need to purchase any additional promotional materials for the education booth. Commission members should report back at the November meeting.

2. Discussion of Bicycle Route 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. Dick Johnston and Aaron Salmon discussed differing options for the primary routes that had been presented at the September meeting. Pat noted that Jeremy Gragert had also submitted some additional suggestions for the primary routes and that Kirk Jansen had sent an email with two suggestions regarding the routes.

As noted at previous meetings, the bicycle route map is a main determinate in evaluating 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 included in street construction and reconstruction projects. The specific improvements for each street would be determined at the time of reconstruction and based on factors unique to that street. Aaron Salmon indicated that a complete streets policy is needed to ensure that all streets are thoroughly reviewed when they are planned for reconstruction.

The Commission decided that it would be beneficial for a subcommittee to discuss the different approaches in order to finalize the route map. Aaron Salmon and Dick Johnston volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Nathan Ruland also indicated that he would like to attend the meetings depending on when they would be scheduled.

3. Overview of 2017 CIP. Leah Ness provided an overview of the street reconstruction projects planned for 2017. She indicated that the Commission would discuss the projects in more detail at their December meeting.

4. Other Items.

- a) Advisory Committee on Appointments. The Commission was informed that representatives on the Advisory Committee on Appointments planned to attend the Commission's November meeting.
- b) Scheduling possible meeting with Zagster bike share representative. Aaron Salmon informed the Commission that he was contacted by a representative of Zagster, a bicycle share organization about a possible meeting in November when a representative would be in western Wisconsin. The Commission discussed the request and the Zagster concept for bicycle share programs. Aaron indicated that he would forward the contact information to staff to discuss the possible scheduling of a meeting.

5. Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.

- a) Water Street Bridge Bicycle Lanes. The Commission continued their discussion about the bicycle lane markings on Summit Avenue, east of the Water Street Bridge and near the intersection of State Street. The Commission noted that the City should consider some additional markings to identify the positioning of bicyclists making right hand turns onto State Street. Leah noted that additional signing was also being considered.

6. Discussion of future agenda items. None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary