

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 18, 2017

The meeting was chaired by Aaron Salmon in the North Conference Room and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Aaron Salmon, Dick Johnston, Scott Kmetz, Eric Nelson, Catherine Lee, Kirk Jansen, Andy Becker, Brian Jenquine

Members Absent: Marian Ritland

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

New Committee Members: Andy Becker and Brian Jenquine were welcomed to the Committee.

1. Discussion of BPAC Work Program.

- a) **Bike Week.** Aaron Salmon provided an overview of the preliminary plans for Wisconsin Bike Week that is scheduled for June 5th through June 11th. Volume One is the primary sponsor of the events. Dick Johnston asked for Committee members to volunteer for several of the events during the week. Jeremy Gragert will be posting an online sign-up form for the events.
- b) **Complete Streets Preliminary Discussion.** The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends that the Committee have a discussion about whether the City should consider adopting a Complete Streets policy. Pat Ivory discussed the concept of Complete Streets and provided an example from the City of La Crosse. Pat noted that although Eau Claire does not have a formally adopted policy, the City generally has followed the principles of Complete Streets in recent years. The Committee discussed the concept and noted that the State of Wisconsin recently eliminated the policy for State projects. They questioned how this change has impacted the design of State projects and whether a City policy would apply to a State project. Dick Johnston stated that he had reviewed the Complete Streets policy from the City of Minneapolis and asked Pat to forward copies to the members of the Committee and asked Committee members to research the Complete Streets website and policies of other cities. Information found by Committee members should be forwarded to Pat.
- c) **UWEC BPAC Activities.** Leah Ness indicated that Kate Wilson from the University was not able to attend the meeting, but planned on attending the May meeting.
- d) **Pedestrian Rights Education.** Leah Ness informed the Committee that she had been contacted by WEAU. They are interested in preparing a news feature to discuss

pedestrian and bicycle improvements and safety in the community and would like to involve members of the Committee. The Committee discussed the request and indicated that the Police and DECI should be included in the planning. Leah stated that she would contact WEAU about possible dates and check with Committee members regarding their availability.

Leah also noted that she had contacted the City's Risk Manager and they planned to prepare a brochure regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety that would be sent out to City employees. A brochure produced by the City of Madison was mentioned as an example.

2. Discussion of update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Pat Ivory informed the Committee that since they were unable to schedule a special meeting to discuss the update of the bicycle routes in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, that staff was recommending that they schedule the item for the regular May meeting of the Committee. The Committee indicated that it might be beneficial at the May meeting to have a map showing streets where no parking is required.

3. Other items.

- a) **Update on 2017 street projects.** Leah provided an update of several of the street projects planned for 2017.
- b) **Keith Street Bike Box.** Leah noted that the Keith Street bike box would be repainted and would ask whether it could be completed prior to Wisconsin Bike Week.
- c) **Water Street Bicycle Corral.** Leah informed the Committee that the Water Street merchants had submitted the paperwork for a temporary (90 day) placement of the City's bicycle corral along the 400 block of Water Street.
- d) **Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.** Several potential safety issues or concerns were noted. They included: there is dumping of what looks like kitty litter along the west sidewalk to the south of the house at 1814 State Street, a stop sign is missing for the east bound trail in the vicinity of Oxford Avenue, and there is a traffic speed concern on Deblene Lane in the vicinity of West Frank Avenue.
- e) **Future agenda items.** No additional items other than those noted in the above discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary