

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of May 16, 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, Marian Ritland, Andy Becker, Brian Jenquine

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Kate Wilson, Bob Eierman

Minutes. The minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion of BPAC Work Program.

- a) **Bike Week.** Aaron Salmon provided an update of the 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 and Aaron indicated that he would provide the sign-up link to the Committee members.
- b) **UWEC BPAC Activities.** Kate Wilson, from the UWEC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was present at the meeting to discuss current activities that the UWEC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been working on. Kate discussed their interest in the 2019 reconstruction of State Street. She also discussed the campus plans to adopt a “dismount” zone in the core area of the campus where bicyclists would be required to walk their bicycles during certain hours of the day. In addition, bicycle parking would be shifted to the periphery of the campus area. She also noted that the Student Senate is involved in developing a bicycle share program.

2. Discussion of update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Pat Ivory provided background to the Committee relating to the update of the bicycle routes in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Committee has been working on identifying the updated routes. It was noted that one of the goals of the update is to provide convenient routes for bicyclist within the City, balanced at a level that would be sustainable for the City to maintain in the future. Pat indicated that a review of the draft routes indicate a need to further evaluate the routes. Pat also discussed the “areas needing further study” noting that the draft eliminates some of the 2010 areas and expands the boundaries of several of the existing areas.

Finally, it was noted that the narrative of the plan needs to provide flexibility in allowing additional streets to be added as routes when development patterns change or other

demographic shifts in cycling habits occur. Issues related to regional bicycle routes, placement of protected bicycle lanes, and treatments where existing facilities such as bicycle lanes end were discussed by the Committee.

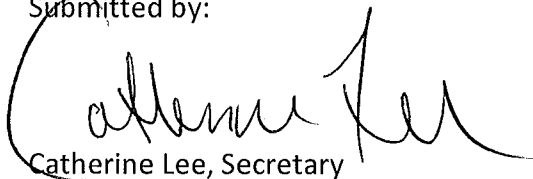
Pat indicated that updated route maps will be discussed at the June meeting. He added that maps will be available during Bike Week to obtain input from the public.

3. Other items.

- a) **Update on 2017 street projects.** Leah provided an update of several of the street projects planned for 2017.
- b) **WEAU Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Feature.** The Committee viewed the news feature produced by WEAU regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety. Several members of BPAC participated in the feature. Committee members expressed their appreciation for the news feature and discussed whether other safety-related features discussing winter bicycle riding and bicycle riding in the dark might be considered in the future.
- c) **Water Street Bicycle Corral.** Leah noted 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 (was also noted in April), there is no warning or notification signs for pedestrians and bicyclist related to the Short Street reconstruction, and there is a potential tripping hazard along the sidewalks in the vicinity of South Barstow Street and Eau Claire Street near the Stone's Throw building.
- e) **Future agenda items.** Kirk Jansen noted a potential Committee educational activity at the public library on August 5th. The event is called the BBS Get Up and Go Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary