

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of July 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, Marian Ritland, Andy Becker, Brian Jenquine, Kirk Jansen

**Members Absent:** Catherine Lee, Eric Nelson

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

**Visitors Present:** Jason Duba, Andy Wise, Adam Taylor, Jeremy Gragert, Carl Osterberg, Ken Ellingsen

**Minutes.** The minutes from the June 20, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

**1. Discussion of Complete Streets Program.** The Committee continued their discussion regarding the Complete Streets program. As noted at the June meeting, the Committee's work program states, *"The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends that the City discuss the feasibility of implementing a Complete Streets policy. BPAC plans to discuss this topic and forward recommendations to the Engineering Department and City Manager."* The Committee had an initial discussion regarding the topic in April and a more detailed discussion in June. At that meeting, the Committee discussed the City's current practices and procedures to ensure that all modes of transportation are considered and example provisions from Minneapolis and La Crosse were discussed. Reasons why the Committee felt a policy should be considered were also listed as well as the importance of involving other organizations. It was noted that the timeframe to discuss ideas and formalize a recommendation should not be rushed in order to build a coalition of support for the concept.

Dick Johnston informed the Committee that he had contacted the City of La Crosse and had obtained a presentation prepared as part of their efforts to involve multiple organizations to support a Complete Streets policy. Dick noted that Mr. Jack Zabrowski was recommended as a good contact person to obtain additional information about the efforts of the community to adopt the Complete Streets policy.

Brian Jenquine indicated that he had contacted the City of Oshkosh and the City of Appleton. Oshkosh does not have a program, but one was adopted by the City of Appleton in 2016. He was informed that the adoption of a Complete Streets policy is necessary for a community to receive silver status as a bicycle friendly community.

Jason Duba, from West Central Regional Planning Commission noted that the East Central Regional Planning Commission had sponsored a Complete Streets workshop and information from the workshop is posted on their website. He also noted that the Eau Claire Healthy Communities Committee recently met and is supportive of working towards developing a Complete Streets policy.

Finally, he also provided a brochure on Complete Streets that was developed by the National Complete Streets Coalition.

Aaron Salmon discussed a draft vision statement for the policy.

Pat Ivory indicated that he would try to contact Mr. Zabrowski to see if he would be able to meet with either BPAC or a subcommittee to discuss the organizational efforts undertaken in La Crosse. Representatives from other interested organizations could be contacted about such a meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Marian Ritland moved to appoint a committee work group consisting of Brian Jenquine, Kirk Jansen, and Dick Johnston. The committee would meet to discuss the direction that should be taken to develop a recommendation for a Complete Streets policy and possibly meet with Mr. Zabrowski. Kirk Jansen seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Discussion of Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** The Committee continued their discussion of the update of the bicycle routes in the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Committee began discussing the updated “areas needing further study”. The Committee discussed several of the narratives and decided to continue their discussion at their August meeting.

**3. Other items.**

- a) **Update on 2017 street projects.** Leah provided an update of several of the street projects currently under construction.
- b) **Pedestrian Safety.** Leah informed the Committee the Police Department was undertaking an increased surveillance program of the Downtown area related to motorists yielding to pedestrians. She also noted that a pedestrian safety awareness campaign could be a potential Leadership Eau Claire group project.
- c) **Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.** Pedestrian safety concerns were noted in the area of Washington Street and South Farwell Avenue where the concrete joints are in deteriorated condition. Sidewalk curb issues were also noted in the vicinity of the Haas Fine Arts Center and on East Grand Avenue to the east of the pedestrian bridge.
- d) **Future agenda items.** The Committee asked for a discussion on the potential changes/improvements along Old Town Hall Road in conjunction with the Mills Fleet Farm Development.

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

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary