

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of August 15, 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, Andy Becker, Kirk Jansen

Members Absent: Catherine Lee, Eric Nelson, Brian Jenquine, Marian Ritland

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Jason Duba, Andy Wise, Jeremy Gragert

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

1 . Discussion of Complete Streets Program. The Committee continued their discussion regarding the Complete Streets program. Leah Ness noted that the subcommittee formed at the previous meeting met and discussed a number of topics. The subcommittee reviewed the charge outlined in the BPAC work program, minutes from BPAC's June 20th meeting that summarized the primary justifications for considering a complete streets program and a draft vision statement prepared by Aaron Salmon. Pat Ivory contacted Jack Zabrowski from La Crosse and he is interested in talking with the subcommittee regarding La Crosse's efforts to implement a program. A telephone conference call will be arranged when a time can be arranged.

The subcommittee felt that the process would involve having the discussion with Mr. Zabrowski, and then based on his input and direction, prepare a letter/report that would include BPAC's recommendation and justification for implementing a complete streets program. The report would be forwarded to Dave Solberg and the City Manager and then Dave would be asked to attend a BPAC meeting to discuss the recommendations.

Aaron Salmon stated that he felt that it would be helpful to have the recommendation not only be a BPAC initiative, but rather also come from other groups and organizations.

Jason Duba, from West Central Regional Planning, indicated that New Richmond was the only community within their region that has adopted a complete streets program. This was adopted in March of this year. Jason added that he would be glad to help gather other information to document the benefits of adopting the program.

The Committee indicated that they would discuss the vision statement prepared by Aaron further at the September meeting.

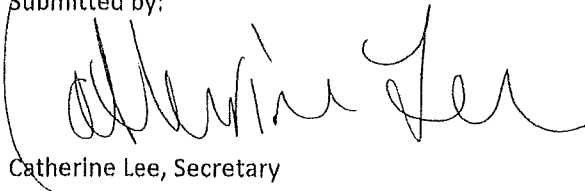
2. **Discussion of Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** The Committee continued their discussion of the update of the 2010 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan which included a review of the updated "areas needing further study". Pat noted several changes based on the Committee's discussion in July. The Committee discussed several suggestions which Pat indicated that he would incorporate into the narrative. The Committee also discussed the proposed routes within the East Side Hill Neighborhood and suggested adding Summer Street to connect with the Boyd Park underpass and future Grand Avenue bicycle boulevard.

3. **Other Items.**

- a) **Update on 2017 street projects.** Leah provided an update of several of the street projects currently under construction. She noted that agreements related to changes/improvements along Old Town Hall Road were still being finalized.
- b) **Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.** Andy Wise from the Eau Claire Police Department discussed the recent surveillance program of the Downtown area related to motorists yielding to pedestrians. A number of motorists were stopped and given warnings; a few were given citations in extreme situations. The Committee thanked the Police Department for undertaking the program and hoped similar efforts will be periodically undertaken.
- c) **Commendation for Todd Heinz.** Jeremy Gragert noted that Officer Todd Heinz from the Eau Claire Police Department had recently retired. Todd was very involved with the initial efforts to create and develop the City's Safe Routes to School Program. He also provided regular guidance to the Committee on bicycle and pedestrian related issues. **ACTION TAKEN:** Kirk Jansen moved that the Committee recognize and thank Officer Todd Heinz for his work in the community with the Safe Routes Program and other efforts to make Eau Claire a safer place for pedestrians and bicyclists. Dick Johnston seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.
- d) **Future agenda items.** The Committee noted that several pedestrian/bicycle accidents had recently occurred. Andy Wise indicated that he would eventually be able to discuss these incidents at a future meeting, once reports had been finalized. Other future topics include a status review of the Committee's annual work program and a discussion of regional bicycle routes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary