

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of October 17, 2017

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, Scott Kmetz, Andy Becker, Kirk Jansen, Brian Jenquine

Members Absent: Catherine Lee, Eric Nelson, Marian Ritland

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Andy Wise – Eau Claire Police Department

Minutes. The minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion of Complete Streets Program. Leah Ness indicated that she would prepare a draft letter regarding the Committee's position on adopting a Complete Streets program that will be reviewed by the subcommittee. Pat Ivory added that he would be attending the November meeting of the Healthy Communities task force to request a resolution of support for the Complete Streets program.

2. Police Department Updates. Sgt. Andy Wise, from the Eau Claire Police Department was present at the meeting and indicated that the Police Department planned to attend the Committee meetings on a quarterly basis to provide updates to the group. The Committee discussed items that they would like to review at these meetings including an analysis of any serious bicycle or pedestrian incidents, identification of pedestrian/bicycle safety issue locations, safe routes to school program, and educational programs. The Committee noted that they would like to assist in educational programs as needed and appropriate.

3. Discussion of Work Program. The Committee reviewed the progress made by the Committee regarding their annual work program. It was noted that the Committee also was involved in several other activities that were not specifically listed in the work program such as the WEAU bicycle safety news segment. The Committee discussed expenditures made by the Committee during the year. Aaron Salmon noted that additional bicycle lights should be purchased. Other expenditures discussed included: installation of the bicycle stairway rail on the Clairemont Avenue stairway and sidewalk stencils/signs/sharrows relating to the areas where bicycling is prohibited on the public sidewalks.

ACTION TAKEN: Kirk Jansen moved that the Committee would support the expenditure of funds for the items discussed. Scott Kmetz seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Discussion of Bicycle Plan Update.** Pat Ivory informed the Committee that they had received many comments from the community after posting the draft plan on the City's website and from Volume One's article about the plan. The comments were distributed and the Committee asked Pat to distribute the comments by email to all the Committee members. The Committee will discuss the comments at their November meeting.

5. **Resolution for Metropolitan Bicycle Plan.** The Committee reviewed a draft resolution to support the recently completed Metropolitan Bicycle Plan. The Committee asked staff to thank Jason Duba for his work in preparing the plan.

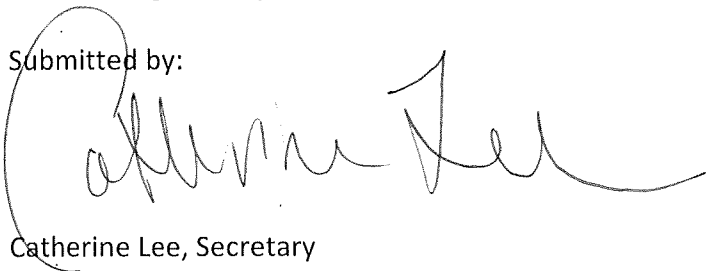
ACTION TAKEN: Dick Johnston moved to approve the resolution indicating the Committee's endorsement of the plan. Scott Kmetz seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Other items.**

- a) **Update on 2017 Street Projects.** Leah provided an update of several of the street projects currently under construction; also noting that the bicycle corral had been installed in the 400 block of Water Street. This will be for a 60 day trial period. Leah also noted that she is continuing to review information related to the recent traffic study for the Harding Avenue Hill. She anticipates reviewing the information with the Committee at the November meeting. Committee members asked if Leah could send out maps of the Harding Avenue area.
- b) **Tri-County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** Pat Ivory informed the Committee that work will be commencing on a tri-county bicycle and pedestrian plan (Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Dunn Counties) that is funded by a grant from the State of Wisconsin. Committee members are welcome to attend public meetings concerning the plan.
- c) **Land Acquisition.** The Committee discussed recent State legislation regarding the use of eminent domain to acquire land for trails and pedestrian ways.
- d) **Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.** Concerns noted included:
 - Vehicles are parking within the bicycle lane along Short Street.
- e) **Future agenda items.** Future agenda topics include: discussion of the Harding Avenue study, 2018 CIP projects, and designs for the Grand Avenue Bridge renovations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary