

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of November 21, 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, Catherine Lee, Eric Nelson

Members Absent: Marian Ritland

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: Ann Francis, Jeremy Gragert

Minutes. The minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion of Complete Streets Program. The Committee discussed the draft letter prepared by the Complete Streets subcommittee that would be forwarded to City Engineer Dave Solberg. It was suggested to add a bullet point regarding the status of the State and federal legislation regarding Complete Streets. Pat Ivory noted that he had recently attended the Healthy Communities task force meeting to request a resolution of support for the Complete Streets program. They were very supportive and planned to draft a letter for consideration at their December meeting.

It was also suggested that Dave Solberg be invited to possibly the February meeting. Pat added that he would contact the Sustainability Committee regarding their interest in supporting the consideration of a Complete Streets policy. Leah indicated that she would finalize the letter for consideration at the December meeting.

The Committee also discussed the future meeting with Dave Solberg noting that they should be prepared to discuss success stories relating to the concept of Complete Streets and ask Dave what actions the Committee could take to help him consider moving the issue forward.

2. Discussion of 2018 CIP Projects. Leah Ness provided an overview of the 2018 CIP street projects. A total of 24 projects were introduced and discussed. Leah noted several projects were in proximity to schools, and some changes would be recommended based on the updated Safe Routes to School study. She also noted which projects would be discussed in further detail as more information about the projects is compiled. In particular, the traffic study regarding Harding Avenue and Washington Street will be discussed, tentatively at the December meeting.

When discussing the improvements for the Grand Avenue pedestrian bridge, the Committee questioned whether the east side of Grand Avenue between the bridge and Graham Avenue would be included in the project; noting that it would be good a time to make that street segment more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Leah indicated that she would find out the scope of the project.

3. Discussion of Bike Plan Update. The Committee discussed the citizen comments received regarding the draft bicycle plan. Pat Ivory provided an overview of the comments and noted that he

anticipated having a draft narrative for the updated plan for the January meeting. He noted that he would be incorporating a number of the comments and suggestions into the draft.

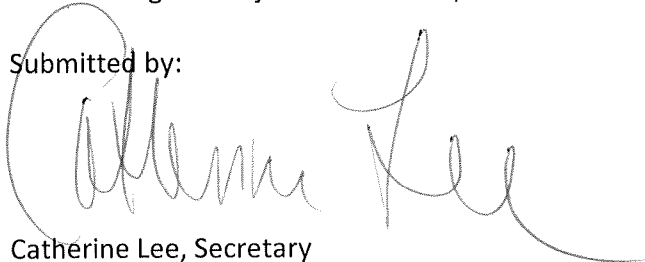
4. Discussion of Park Loop Bike Route. Dick Johnston presented a plan to promote a bicycle route that featured a number of the City's parks, bridges, and waterways. It would be a 6 to 9 mile loop, depending on several optional loops that would extend out from the primary loop. He suggested that a map or brochure could be developed as a guide. The Committee thanked Dick and noted that this could be a possible project for the Committee in 2018.

5. Other items.

- a) **Update on 2017 Street Projects.** Pat provided a brief update of the 2017 street projects.
- b) **Tri-County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.** Pat Ivory updated the Committee on the work pertaining to the tri-county bicycle and pedestrian plan (Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Dunn Counties). An open house for the Eau Claire County portion of the plan is scheduled for December 7th.
- c) **UWEC Bike Share.** Catherine Lee indicated that the University was still interested in starting up a bike share program, possibility as early as spring of 2018. They are currently investigating a sponsorship group such as a non-profit organization.
- d) **Committee Vacancies.** Pat Ivory informed the Committee that there will be two vacancies on the Committee starting in 2018. Marian Ritland will be completing her second term and Dick Johnston has decided to step down from the Committee at the end of the year.
- e) **December meeting.** The Committee discussed possible meeting dates for the December meeting. Leah will send out an email regarding possible dates.
- f) **Reports to staff on safety issues or concerns.** Concerns noted included:
 - Visibility and safety issues at the west end of Jefferson Street, where the street intersects with Gilbert Avenue and Graham Avenue.
 - Cat litter continues to be dumped along the sidewalk on the west side of State Street to the south of Roosevelt Avenue.
- g) **Future agenda items.** Future agenda topics include: discussion of the Harding Avenue study, 2018 CIP projects, plan update, and 2018 work program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary