

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 17, 2018

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

Members Absent: Carl Mothes, Eric Nelson, Catherine Lee

Staff Present: Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the March 20, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. The Committee continued their discussion regarding the draft of the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. The Committee reviewed comments from Carl Mothes who was not able to attend the meeting and discussed a letter received by the Chippewa Valley Home Builders (CVHB) that noted several concerns relating to the recommendation # 11 on page 42. The recommendation relates to the timing of the construction of sidewalks. The Chippewa Valley Home Builders indicated that they would prefer to see the current policy remain where sidewalk is installed at the time a new home is constructed. The Committee discussed the concerns of the CVHB and discussed possible compromises to address their concerns such as not requiring sidewalks until a certain percentage of a subdivision is developed and/or after a certain time period from when the subdivision is initially approved. Pat indicated that he would draft a narrative to summarize the suggestions of the Committee.

Pat also added that he had presented the draft plan to the Plan Commission, but the Commission wanted additional time to review the draft and provide comments. He anticipated having the Plan Commission discuss the draft again at their May 14th meeting.

2. Discussion of Educational and Promotional Events. The Committee discussed different events where they could sponsor an educational booth to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. Pat Ivory provided a list of Downtown events for 2018 including the Thursday evening concert series at Phoenix Park. Bike Week activities were also discussed and working with the School District on some form of an educational effort. Aaron noted that a meeting was scheduled for a working group to discuss bike week activities and he would report back at the next meeting. The Committee had questions regarding: the status of the grant-funded Safe Routes Coordinator, working with the individual school partnership coordinators, and possible involvement with the sign-in day activity at the beginning of the school year. Pat indicated that he would talk to Leah about these questions.

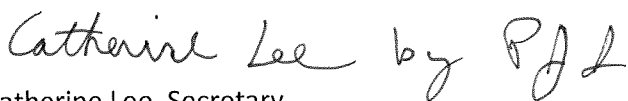
The Committee will discuss this further at their May meeting and Aaron will provide updates regarding Bike Week and the Thursday evening concert series bicycle valet program. The Committee indicated an interest in possible involvement in the DECI Family Day activity held on June 30th.

3. Other items.

- a) **Walkability Conference.** Pat Ivory noted that a team from Eau Claire recently attended a walkability conference and briefly discussed the information that he had learned from members that attended the conference. He noted that the group would be creating a work plan of projects to complete over the next year and Complete Streets was one of the projects selected by the group. The Committee suggested that representatives of the group that attended the conference attend a BPAC meeting to discuss the conference.
- b) **Complete Streets.** Pat indicated that the Committee would have a discussion regarding Complete Streets at their next meeting and also the timeframe for drafting a Complete Streets policy.
- c) **CIP Project.** Pat updated the Committee on recent City Council actions regarding Lake Street, Harding Avenue, Keith Street, and Taft Avenue. As noted at the March meeting, Aaron Salmon indicated that he felt that the Committee needed to refine the process of the Committee forwarding comments on street projects to the City Council. One suggestion would be for each Committee member to follow a specific street project through the review process and provide comments from the Committee to the City Council.
- d) **Bike Share and Bicycle Corral.** Aaron Salmon and Pat Ivory provided an overview of a recent meeting held at UWEC regarding a possible bike share program. Another meeting is scheduled for May 4th. The Committee was also informed that the Water Street BID had agreed to place the bicycle corral in the 400 block of Water Street again this spring. It was installed during the fall of 2017. The need for additional bicycle racks Downtown was also discussed.
- e) **Reports on Safety Issues.** The Committee questioned whether there was bicycle detection by cameras at the intersections of Madison Street and Bellinger Street and at State Street and Summit Avenue. Pat indicated that he would check with Leah Ness.
- f) **Future Agenda Items.** Items mentioned included: Complete Streets, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, walkability conference, Bike Week and volunteer activities and involvement with school programs.

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

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary