

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of May 15, 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, Carl Mothes, Eric Nelson, Catherine Lee

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory, Adam Taylor, Scott Allen

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

1. Police Department Quarterly Report. Adam Taylor from the Eau Claire Police Department was present at the meeting to provide a quarterly report regarding pedestrian and bicycle-related incidents within the City. As part of the report, he reviewed five incidents that had occurred so far in 2018. In addition, Adam provided a report for such incidents dating back to 2012. He noted that pedestrian and bicycle accidents were trending downward over the period, which is contrary to national trends.

2. Discussion of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. Pat Ivory informed the Committee that the Plan Commission had reviewed the draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan on May 14th. The Commission didn't have any significant changes to discuss and a couple members indicated that they would forward their comments individually. They concluded their discussion indicating that staff could proceed with scheduling public hearings for the update.

Pat indicated he would bring the final version of the update back to the Committee in June or July for one last review prior to scheduling the public hearings with the Plan Commission and City Council.

3. Discussion of Educational and Promotional Events. The Committee continued their discussion regarding different educational and promotional events they would want to be involved with to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. Bike Week activities were discussed which is scheduled for the week of June 3rd. The Committee suggested that an email be sent out to allow Committee members to sign up for some of the events. Kirk Jansen stated that he had been in contact with the School District about developing a flyer that could be distributed on sign-in day at the beginning of the school year. He would follow-up with more information at the June meeting. Pat also noted that the Committee could sponsor an educational booth at the DECI Family Day activity held on June 30th. There seemed to be limited interest in sponsoring a booth at that event.

4. **Update on Walkability Conference.** Leah Ness provided an overview of the walkability conference that she recently attended in Decatur, Georgia. Five other people from Eau Claire also attended. Leah noted that the Eau Claire team is preparing an action plan based on the information they learned at the conference. The plan tentatively will include: developing a complete streets policy, utilizing that policy as a guide for developing the design for the reconstruction of State Street, developing a “walking school bus” program, and considering the feasibility of adopting a pedestrian overlay zone within certain areas of the City.

5. **Other items.**

- a) **CIP Projects.** Leah Ness updated the Committee on the status of the street reconstruction projects.
- b) **Bike Share.** Pat Ivory and Leah Ness provided an overview of a recent meeting held at UWEC regarding a possible bike share program. The University agreed to research bike share programs in other communities and obtain RFP’s from those communities and then develop a summary table/matrix providing information on costs, revenues, and organizational formats. It is hoped that this information would provide a more detailed analysis of the operational costs and liabilities of operating such program.
- c) **Bicycle Corrals.** The Committee was informed that the City had received requests to place bicycle corrals in the 300 block of Water Street and the 600 block of Graham Avenue. The corrals would be placed at these locations for the 90-day trial basis. The City will be working on an ordinance amendment to allow for the corrals to be placed in the streets for an extended period of time beyond the 90-day period. Development of the ordinance will also look at providing provisions for parklets.
- d) **Reports on Safety Issues.** Items identified included: need to have the City speed trailer placed along Jefferson Street, increased enforcement at the intersection of Jefferson and Farwell as westbound traffic is not stopping at stop sign, pedestrian actuation buttons at Washington Street and Farwell Street don’t seem to be working.
- e) **Future Agenda Items.** Items mentioned included: Complete Streets, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, educational coordination with School District, presentation on safe routes to school plan, committee meeting locations, and use of non-standard crosswalk designs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary