

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of October 16, 2018

The meeting was chaired by Aaron Salmon in the Chippewa Room of the L. E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Aaron Salmon, Catherine Lee, Brian Jenquine, Andy Becker, Carl Mothes, Scott Kmetz, Ann Francis

Members Absent: Kirk Jansen, Eric Nelson

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the September 18, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Concerns. None

1. Update on State Street and Lake Street 2019 CIP Projects. The Committee continued their discussion from the September meeting relating to plans to obtain community input on the reconstruction of State Street scheduled for 2019. Leah Ness noted that walk audits for the project are planned for October 18th and October 24th and are open to the public. As discussed at the previous meeting, examples of amenities that might be considered included: rest stops along the hill, improved access to Putman Drive, widening the sidewalks, improved access to Jaycette Park, etc. Leah noted that the input from the walk audits would be discussed at the next BPAC meeting.

The Committee also discussed updated plans for the reconstruction of Lake Street in 2019. The updated plans show a reduction of the green painted areas, but continue to provide the bicycle lanes with the green paint at the beginning and endpoints and at other points such as near alleys and driveways to better denote the lanes.

2. Update of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Pat Ivory noted that he had presented the update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Waterways and Parks Commission on September 24th. Public hearings to consider the adoption of the plan will be held on December 3rd and December 10th.

3. Discussion on Mobility Trends and Planning. The Committee discussed recent trends across the country with the gaining popularity of the electric scooters and electric bicycle share

bicycles and suggested that the Committee should discuss this issue in the future and that the City should be proactive in developing standards for these devices. Aaron Salmon noted in particular the popularity of the electric scooters and the ability of many people to easily use and enjoy them. The Committee discussed some possible issues with their use in the City and around the UWEC campus. It was suggested that this be a possible item to be added to the Committee's 2019 work program.

4. Update on Bicycle Corrals and Bike Share. Leah Ness noted that a third bicycle corral had been installed. The location is in the 300 block of Water Street in front of the Joynt Tavern. Other locations include the 400 block of Water Street and the 600 block of Graham Avenue. Leah noted that the City would be considering an amendment to the City code relating to encroachments which would allow the corrals for longer than the current 90 day period.

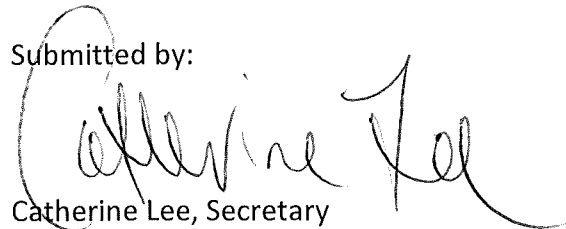
Leah also noted that UWEC had contacted the City indicating an interest in moving forward with a dockless bicycle share program. The City will be considering an ordinance that would allow for the licensing of bicycle share companies to operate in the City. The draft ordinance would be considered in early 2019.

5. Other items.

- a) **CIP Projects.** Leah Ness provided an update of the current CIP projects. The Committee also discussed the review process for the 2019 projects. Leah noted that she would provide a list of the projects proposed for 2019 at the next meeting.
- b) **Walk Your Wheels Campaign.** Leah Ness updated the Committee regarding the "Walk Your Wheels" campaign that focuses on bicycle safety in the Downtown and Water Street area where bicycling on sidewalks is prohibited. Signage has been installed and decals will be soon added to the sidewalks where bicycling is prohibited. The Committee then viewed a video related to the program to help educate the public about the program.
- c) **Future Agenda Items.** Items mentioned included: the State Street construction project, bike share updates, 2019 CIP project review, 2019 Committee work program, and safe routes update.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary