

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of January 15, 2019

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, Scott Kmetz, Ann Francis, Bill Berg

Members Absent: Andy Becker (The Committee has two vacancies.)

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: John Lor, Nick O'Brien

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

New Committee Member. Bill Berg was welcomed to the Committee as a new member.

Election of Officers. The following officers were appointed by the Commission:

- A. Chairperson.** Brian Jenquine moved to nominate Aaron Salmon as Chairperson. Ann Francis seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aaron Salmon abstaining.
- B. Vice-Chairperson.** Catherine Lee moved to nominate Ann Francis as Vice-Chairperson. Brian Jenquine seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- C. Secretary.** Scott Kmetz moved to nominate Catherine Lee as Secretary. Ann Francis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Comments.

Several Committee members noted that the City's recreational trail has been kept in very good condition over the winter months including the recent issues with the ice.

2. Discussion of Bicycle Parking at CoLAB entrepreneurial space at 312 South Barstow Street.

Mr. Nick O'Brien from Pablo Properties was present at the meeting to discuss plans to develop and entrepreneurial work space for tech businesses at 312 South Barstow Street. Mr. O'Brien noted that they were planning on providing bicycle parking at the rear of the building and was asking for suggestions from the Committee. Long-term, they hoped to provide bicycle parking inside the building at a later date.

The Committee noted that providing a covered bicycle corral to the rear of the building would be one option. Also, the possibility of providing bicycle lockers was noted and some design

options were discussed. Catherine Lee noted that the University has some storage lockers and may be interested in selling one or more of them. She indicated that she would follow up and see if any might be available. Leah Ness mentioned that Mr. O'Brien should contact the BID if they were interested in some additional bicycle parking in the right-of-way along the street. It was also suggested that they contact Eau Claire Games and Arcade located next door to see if they were interested in a cooperative effort to provide bicycle parking.

3. Discussion of 2019 CIP Program. The Committee reviewed draft letters that summarized their comments and suggestions for the 2019 CIP projects that would be considered by the City Council at their January and February meetings. Leah Ness noted that most of the projects discussed at the December meeting remained unchanged, with two exceptions; one pertaining to Water Street west of First Avenue and a portion of East Riverview Drive.

The Committee first discussed the mill and overlay project proposed for Water Street between First Avenue and Second Avenue. Leah noted that the width of existing street was too narrow for standard width bicycle lanes and that widening the road by constructing new curbs would increase the cost of the project. In addition, several light poles would have to be moved if the curbs were moved. The Committee discussed various options and felt that non-standard width bicycle lanes should be considered, rather than sharrows since bicycle lanes exist to the east on the Water Street Bridge.

The Committee also asked staff to consider the feasibility of adding a painted area in the northwest portion of the intersection to visually reduce/tighten the radius of the corner in order to enhance pedestrian safety at that corner.

ACTION TAKEN: Scott Kmetz moved to recommend the non-standard bicycle lanes as discussed and the possibility of adding the painted area at the northwest corner of the intersection. Brian Jenquine seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Leah Ness then noted that a portion of Riverview Drive from Airport Road, west 2,700 feet would be milled and overlaid this year. This project is an addition from the discussion from December. It was noted that this street is identified as a primary bicycle route and is identified as a sidewalk gap in the plan. However, since it is only proposed as a mill and overlay, it was suggested that sharrows be provided until such time in the future that the street is reconstructed. The addition of a sidewalk or pathway should also be considered at that time. The Committee agreed with the staff suggestions.

ACTION TAKEN: Brian Jenquine moved to submit the letter for the January City Council meeting with the revisions discussed above for Water Street. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Kmetz then moved to submit the letter for the February City Council meeting. Ann Francis seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

The Committee then discussed the State Street project and options related to the Roosevelt Avenue intersection. Leah noted that a public information meeting was scheduled for January 24th regarding the State Street project.

4. Review of Draft Bicycle Share Ordinance. The Committee reviewed the draft ordinance that would provide for the licensing of vendors interested in operating a dockless bicycle share operation within the City. The draft is currently being sent to potential vendors for comment. Staff is anticipating City Council consideration of the ordinance this spring. The Committee thanked staff for their work on the ordinance.

5. Other items.

- a) **Committee Vacancies.** It was noted that there are two vacancies on the Committee with the recent resignations of Eric Nelson and Carl Mothes. Staff will send out information regarding the Citizen Resource Bank application forms in case the Committee members are aware of persons interested in serving on the Committee.
- b) **2019 Work Plan.** Pat Ivory noted that the City Council had approved the Committee's 2019 work plan. He noted a couple revisions related to the partnering organizations.
- c) **Future agenda items.** Agenda items for future meetings will include the continued discussion of the 2019 CIP projects, bike share ordinance, a presentation on bicycle parking ordinance provisions, and an overview of the process for the Bicycle Friendly Community application.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:



Catherine Lee, Secretary