

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of May 21, 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, Brian Jenquine, Ann Francis, Bill Berg, JJ Henricksen, Kyle Brouillard, Scott Larson, Catherine Lee

Members Absent: Scott Kmetz

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Trevor Wittwer, Adam Taylor

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved with the correction of a name spelling error.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Comments. The following locations were identified as having issues:

- a. Additional signage at end of High Bridge, eastbound and Cameron Street/Bufington Drive (Lakeview Cemetery)
- b. Bike route using London Road area around Mall Drive and south of town, safety concerns
- c. Low lighting levels in tunnels, such as Hastings Way under Birch Street and new tunnel by Roosevelt Elementary.
- d. Oxford Avenue sidewalk, north of Madison Street
- e. Water Street 500 to 200 block joints gapping

2. Update from Police Department. Adam Taylor presented information regarding the revitalized bike patrol for the Police Department. The department is currently working to certify officers to patrol on bike and hopes to be operational for the summer. The goal is to have bike patrol used during special events downtown, such as Summer Concert Series, Homecoming and other activities. The Committee discussed the positive impact bicycle patrol has in the neighborhoods, during events, and mentioned the approachability of officers on bikes rather than in vehicles. The bike patrol is planned to be at Bike Week during the kickoff party and at the Thursday night Summer Concert to help promote the new bicycle registration program for community members. The on-line form was shared with the group and will continue to be promoted throughout the summer at the concert series when staffing allows.

First quarter crashes involving bicycles and pedestrians were presented. There were two crashes during this time frame and the harsh weather was noted as impacting bicycle and pedestrian travel during this quarter. The both crashes were vehicle/pedestrian crashes. One involved a domestic dispute in the driveway where one individual was backing the vehicle and the other was trying to stop by standing behind resulting in their leg being run over. The other involved a vehicle striking a pedestrian at the Brian Street/Garner Street intersection. The street was snow covered/slippery, the intersection was lit at a low level and the pedestrian was noted as wearing dark clothing. Some information was provided on a recent pedestrian vehicle crash that involved an OWI and more details will be brought back on that with the second quarter crash report.

3. Discussion of Bike Week. Aaron Salmon went through the activities that will be occurring during Bike Week, June 1st through the 9th. JJ Henricksen, Bill Berg and Scott Larson volunteered to lead Bike to Baseball on Wednesday night. The City will have a BPAC table at the Kick-off party and it was suggested that in addition to the Region and City bicycle route maps, Walk Your Wheels Signs and displays also be present. Volunteers for the bike valet for Thursday nights at Phoenix Park were asked for and Aaron Salmon will be putting together a signup link to send out to the group. Additional lights will be ordered for this weekly event as well.

4. Discussion of 2019 CIP Project State Street. Leah Ness presented a timeline on how the State Street project will be moving forward. On June 4th, the bids will be opened for the State Street project from Garfield Avenue to the southern City limits. This includes the design of a roundabout intersection at Roosevelt Avenue, Lexington Blvd., MacArthur Avenue and Hamilton Avenue. June 10th there will be two opportunities to speak to the project in front of City Council. First on the agenda is a public discussion on the relocation order allowing City staff to move forward with land acquisition and negotiations needed to construct a roundabout at the State Street/Roosevelt Avenue intersection. The second opportunity is during the Public Comment Period, in which members of the public can discuss any item not on the agenda. On June 11th, City Council will vote on two items, one – approval of the relocation order and two – award of the State Street bid contract. The provided timeline continued to show when the next Third Ward Neighborhood meeting and BPAC meetings would be along with when staff will bring back an alternate design for the State Street/Roosevelt Avenue intersection if the roundabout relocation order does not pass. Committee members were encourage to share their opinions with Council Members via the city website or at the upcoming City Council meeting. The overall project timeline was discussed with construction starting this year from the southern City limits north to Bartlett Court. The project between Bartlett Court and Garfield Avenue will be constructed in 2020 if Roosevelt Avenue is constructed as a roundabout, otherwise there is a chance that construction may be able to be completed in 2019 pending redesign and utility work that will need to be completed.

5. Update of 2019 CIP Project Status, Ordinances, Policies. Leah Ness provided an general status of 2018 completed CIP projects and reviewed the couple of 2019 CIP projects that have started to date. Note was made that the Engineering Department is working to alert the public of detours and closures in a timely manner by using social media and having dedicated web pages to the current City construction projects. A 'parklet café' ordinance has been drafted and reviewed by staff but we are looking into expanding the parklet ordinance to allow more than restaurants to apply for the parklet space, allowing other businesses that want to expand seating or park like areas near their business fronts to be able to apply. Staff is also working to include bicycle corral changes in with the ordinance as well. The Complete Streets policy will be continued to be discussed at future meetings when staff has more time to dedicate to the finalization of the document.

6. Discussion of Bike Friendly Community. Pat Ivory created a list of "Bicycle Friendly Community Application Topic Areas" for the Committee to review. The goal of this list is to include what the community has done to progress bicycling in the past years since the last application was submitted. Leah Ness presented the list to the Committee, they agreed that the list was very inclusive and suggested the addition of the following potentially: trail plowing procedures/standards, CORBA community involvement, Wintermission (Fat Tire Biking opportunities), existing trail and project data collection.

7. Discussion of Future Agenda Items: The Committee reviewed agenda items for June to include: Review of Bike Week, State Street, Bike Friendly Community Application, proposed trail layouts related to riverfront trails. Staff will look back at meeting minutes for future topics as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Lee".

Catherine Lee, Secretary