

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of August 20, 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, Ann Francis, Scott Kmetz, Bill Berg, JJ Henricksen, Kyle Brouillard, Catherine Lee, Scott Larson

Members Absent: Brian Jenquine

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Adam Taylor, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Comments. Comments included: cars are parking in the bicycle lane along Short Street in the vicinity of the bicycle trail, Putnam Drive is in very poor condition and needs to be graded, when UWEC is back in session there has typically been a problem with vehicles parking on Graham Avenue that are too close to the Washington Street intersection, and vehicles doing U-turns in the 300 and 400 blocks of Water Street.

2. Update from Police Department. Adam Taylor from the Eau Claire Police Department was present at the meeting to provide the quarterly report to the Committee. Adam discussed seven incidents/crashes that had occurred during the quarter that involved either pedestrians or bicyclists. Adam also noted that since January of 2018, that 379 abandoned bicycles had been picked up by the Police Department. Most of the bicycles are in poor condition, and only a few are sold. The current options available for the Police Department are to sell the bikes or dispose of them. State law does not allow for the donation of the bicycles to any organizations or charities. The Committee discussed this and asked staff to see if a change could be made at the City level that would allow for the bicycles to be donated to some organization either to be repaired or for parts for repairs of other bicycles. The Committee thanked Adam for attending the meeting and providing the information.

3. Update on 2019 CIP. Trevor Wittwer provided an update on the 2019 CIP projects. Trevor noted that this year's work on Lake Street would end on the west end of the bridge, so the improvements discussed at the July meeting for the Lake Street/First Avenue intersection would occur most likely in 2020. The Committee would discuss this intersection improvement in detail at that time.

4. **Discussion of Bicycle-Friendly Community Designation.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the application submitted for the Bicycle-Friendly Community designation with the League of American Bicyclists. He noted that the League is hosting a survey that they want posted throughout the community in order to get feedback about bicycling in Eau Claire. Pat encouraged all the Committee members to take the survey.

5. **Discussion of BPAC Budget and Expenditures.** The Committee discussed the 2019 budget available to the Committee for pedestrian and bicycle improvements and activities. Pat noted that Leah Ness had informed him that a business had requested a bicycle corral at the northwest corner of South Barstow Street and Eau Claire Street on South Barstow Street. Pat Ivory added that the Committee had purchased several bicycle corrals in previous years. The Committee also discussed several needs related to hosting educational activities, such as: an additional BPAC banner, a table covering with a logo, pamphlet holders, stickers, etc.

ACTION TAKEN: Kyle Brouillard moved to authorize staff to purchase a bicycle corral for the location discussed; subject to approval of the Leah Ness, the Transportation Engineer. The motion also includes the purchase of materials to be used for pedestrian and bicycle educational events. Catherine Lee seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Committee Membership.** Pat Ivory reviewed the tenure status of the Committee members. Pat noted that he would be contacting Committee members individually whose terms would be ending at the end of the year to see if they are interested in serving another term.

7. **Discussion of Educational Events.** Pat Ivory discussed several up-coming events that the Committee may be interested in participating with other organizations. The first event is a health fair sponsored by HTI that will be held in November. The Committee indicated an interest in participating and several members volunteered to help out. The second event is the signing day with the Eau Claire School District. Pat noted that he had been in contact with Kirk Jansen, Lindsay Olson, and the School District and it appeared that the Safe Routes to School two-page informational flyer would be distributed to the various schools. The third event is the UWEC meets EC activity to be held Downtown on September 6th. The Committee expressed an interest in sponsoring a table, although they noted it might be difficult to provide enough items to hand out by that date. Aaron Salmon noted as an alternative that Shift might be sponsoring a table and bicycle safety information could be distributed at their table. Aaron, Catherine Lee, and Pat will discuss this further.

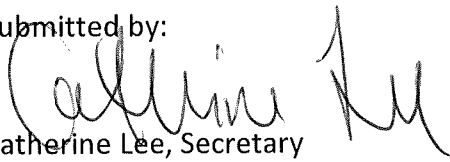
8. **Other items.**

- a) **Future agenda items.** Agenda items for future meetings will include: complete streets, mobility trends, and a discussion about suggestions to improve pedestrian and bicycle

safety and circulation at the proposed HyVee site on Clairemont Avenue. The Committee also discussed the possibility of adding some Committee members to the distribution list of the email notifications for the Plan Commission agendas.

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

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary