

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of September 17, 2019

The meeting was chaired by Aaron Salmon in the North Conference Room at City Hall and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Aaron Salmon, Ann Francis, Scott Kmetz, JJ Henriksen, Kyle Brouillard, Catherine Lee, Scott Larson

Members Absent: Bill Berg (one vacancy on the Committee)

Staff Present: Leah Ness, Pat Ivory

Visitors Present: None

Minutes. The minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Comments. Comments included: there is depression in the pavement at the west end of the Grand Avenue Bridge where water may pond, and it was noted that erosion is occurring along the trail and river bank extending between Archery Park and Boyd Park.

2. Update on Bicycle Donations. The Committee continued their discussion from the August meeting regarding the status of abandoned bicycles. As noted at the previous meeting, most of the abandoned bicycles are in poor condition and only a few are sold. Leah Ness added that those bicycles estimated to have a value of \$50 or less are donated to the Hope Gospel Mission who can then repair and sell the bicycles or use them for parts.

3. Update on 2019 CIP. Leah Ness provided an update on the 2019 CIP projects. The Committee noted that they were very pleased with the design and construction of Lake Street and thanked the Engineering staff for their work on the project. The Committee noted that sharrows had been added to Graham Avenue, but not to South Barstow. After some discussion, Leah indicated that the sharrows could still be added to South Barstow. Pat Ivory also noted that concept plans are being revised for the Cannery Redevelopment District, which would involve the construction of Oxford Avenue, as early as 2020. The Committee asked to have the plans presented at their October meeting. The concept of a bicycle friendly district was also discussed.

4. Discussion of Electric Scooters. The Committee discussed the recent State legislation regarding the use of electric scooters and licensing of vendors for the rental of the scooters. Pat Ivory noted that the City has had some preliminary discussions regarding the scooters, but no formal research or direction has currently been undertaken. The Committee discussed some of the pros and cons regarding the use of the scooters and the Committee suggested several alternatives that may assist in their regulation.

5. Discussion of UWEC Hibbard Parking Lot. Aaron Salmon indicated that the Third Ward Neighborhood had discussed a concept plan where the University would expand the Hibbard Parking lot by adding a row of parking to the north. Aaron questioned the status of the request and its relation to pedestrian and bicycle circulation in the vicinity of the parking lot. Leah Ness noted that such a change would require Plan Commission and City Council approval and that the University had yet to submit an application for the change to the parking lot. The City is tentatively looking at reconstructing Garfield Avenue in 2020 and the street project would be discussed by the Committee as part of the 2020 CIP projects.

6. Discussion of HyVee Site Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Access. The Committee discussed the proposed right-in/right-out for vehicles related to the HyVee site plan located along Clairemont Avenue. Aaron Salmon expressed concern about the vehicle entrance/exit along Clairemont Avenue as it related to people using the recreational trail that extends along the north side of Clairemont Avenue. He then reviewed a drawing that included a pathway that crossed a driveway, similar to that proposed for HyVee. The example included shifting the trail slightly away from the roadway, providing for a raised trail section, including crosswalk markings, painting a stop line, and installing a median between the entrance and exit lanes. Leah Ness noted that the Wisconsin DOT would need to approve the access point and could require design elements discussed by the Committee.

ACTION TAKEN: Kyle Brouillard moved to recommend that the City encourage the State DOT to incorporate the design elements discussed by the Committee for the driveway off of Clairemont Avenue in order to make the trail crossing safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Scott Larson seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Discussion of Mobility Trends Related to Pedestrians and Bicyclists. The Committee discussed a variety of innovative projects and concepts being utilized by a number of cities across the county to promote more walkable and bicycle friendly communities. Examples discussed included: "quick-build" programs, vehicle speed reduction, and protected bike lane systems. It was also noted that the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation is sponsoring a "Wisconsin Bike Summit" in Wausau on October 4th and 5th. The Committee discussed having a representative attend and Scott Larson volunteered to represent the Committee.

8. Other items.

- a) **Future agenda items.** Agenda items for future meetings will include: updates related to the HyVee site plan, an overview of the Cannery District revised concept plan, discussion about a bicycle friendly district, a recap of the Wisconsin Bicycle Summit, and complete streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:


Catherine Lee, Secretary