

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of September 15, 2020**

The meeting was chaired by Ann Francis, called to order at 6:06 p.m. and held virtual online via Webex.

**Members Present:** Ann Francis, Scott Kmetz, Scott Larson, Bill Berg, Catherine Lee, JJ Henricksen

**Members Absent:** Kyle Brouillard, Aaron Salmon, Matt Boelter

**Staff Present:** Trevor Wittwer, Ned Noel

**Visitors Present:** None

**1. Call to Order.** Vice Chair Ms. Francis called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2. Approval of August 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes.** Ms. Henricksen moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Larson and the motion carried.

**3. Open Public Comment Period.** No one spoke during the comment period.

**4. Public Discussions Item 1: Mobility Trends.** Postponed being the chair was being absent.

**4. Public Discussions Item 2: Equity and Diversity Inclusion.** Members discussed the need to be more intentional about including under-represented voices in the decision-making process. Ideas ranged from recruiting new committee members with those backgrounds to special outreach to minority communities. Ms. Henricksen was interested in reaching out to the Hmong Association. Mr. Noel explained the City's selection process for new board and committee members and will share the Citizen Resource Bank online form with members. The City is also looking at hiring next year an equity and inclusion staff person.

There was no action take nor additional public input provided.

**4. Public Discussions Item 3: Awards Update.** Mr. Larson stated contact has been made with EcoUrbanTimber (EUT) to create the 3 awards and work will begin in a week. At the November meeting a recognition of the three winners will occur.

Ms. Henricksen moved that Mr. Larson continue working with EUT to finalize designs, prepare recognition writeups and give an update at the October meeting. Seconded by Ms. Lee.

**4. Public Discussions Item 4: 2020 Work Plan Discussion.** Mr. Wittwer provided an update of the work plan progress to date. He said a HISP federal grant may provide better research on crash data and safety enhancements. Data is still being gathered on newly constructed State St. to inform future complete street policy recommendations. As for community education, members agreed there needs to be creative in seeking the public's input on plans and projects due to the impacts of COVID-19. No action was taken.

**5. Other Business Item 1: Old Abe Trail Connection**

Mr. Wittwer stated the City Manager sent an appreciate letter to Chippewa Falls for completing the last section of the regional trail.

**5. Other Business Item 2: Water Street Joints**

Mr. Wittwer stated poor street joints were recently repaired with asphalt and chip sealing.

**5. Other Business Item 3: Railroad Site Plan**

BPAC does not have the ordinance authority to review site plans, but members were encouraged to provide input to the Plan Commission when site plans are being reviewed.

**6. Discussion and Direction:**

A. Future Agenda Items

The committee would like to cover mobility trends and updates on the awards, equity outreach and concerns and complete street considerations. Members also wanted updates on bike station damage who takes care of the Putnam trail/road since it is rutting. Mr. Wittwer stated there is a maintenance agreement with UWEC that the Streets Division takes care of the trail/road.

B. Announcements

None.

**7. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Catherine Lee by TNW*

Catherine Lee, Secretary