

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of October 20, 2020

Members Present: Bill Berg, Ann Francis, JJ Henriksen, Scott Kmetz, Scott Larson, Catherine Lee, Aaron Salmon

Members Absent: Matt Boelter, Kyle Brouillard

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Ned Noel

Visitors Present: None

1. **Call to Order.** Vice Chair Ms. Francis called the virtual meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Larson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kmetz and the motion carried.

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

Vice Chair Ms. Francis reordered #4 items from the original agenda.

4. **Public Discussions Item 1: Awards Update.** Mr. Larson stated the awards still need to be made and the design and name are not finalized. Mr. Noel stated he would assist Mr. Larson with the vendor. The plan is to present the three award winners on November 17th at the beginning of the meeting. The December meeting would be a backup.

4. **Public Discussions Item 2: Infill Density Active Travel.** Mr. Noel presented results of a land use study completed by the State Smart Transportation Institute. After modeling local data sets, correlation was found between greater density, active transportation, job and housing accessibility, higher land values and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Members supported the study's recommendations in upcoming work such as the Comprehensive Plan 5-year update. Although the committee does not have authority to review site plans, revisiting a policy on complete streets was also supported, when data is available from monitoring new State Street.

4. **Public Discussions Item 3: Mobility Trends.** Some members expressed frustration that nothing innovative was done during COVID-19, such as what other cities did closing streets for pedestrian and bikes. Scooter sharing was discussed and supported, although there were concerns for safety and scooters being left erratically. Mr. Noel shared a new Google mapping platform called Environmental Insight Explorer that has alternative transportation data. He requested that Eau Claire data be made available.

4. Public Discussions Item 4: Capital Improvement Project Update. Mr. Wittwer stated all City trails and street work is completed except for a few projects such as final pavement and markings along Riverview Drive. Next year will have a busy slate of street projects.

5. Other Business Item 1: Putnam Trail Maintenance Update

Mr. Wittwer stated maintenance is done once a year. Complaints go to Putnam Parks Commission for direction. Mr. Larson stated the trail rutting was recently repaired.

5. Other Business Item 2: Bike Station Damage

Mr. Wittwer stated the two stations will be reviewed for what needs to be fixed.

5. Other Business Item 3: Equity Outreach

Mr. Noel reported that the pending City Council's budget includes staffing for two positions to improve equity outreach. An equity and inclusion position will be shared with the County. Members invited groups such as the Hmong association and persons with disabilities so their voices would be heard on relevant committee projects.

6. Discussion and Direction:

A. Future Agenda Items

The committee would like the following to be discussed:

- Awards ceremony
- Quarterly crash data
- Crash data on Barstow St. after one-way to two-way conversion
- Complete street policy update
- Transit ridership route data
- Review snow removal policy
- Wintermission update
- DOT pedestrian push button requests (Lorch and Clairemont Avenues)
- Stop sign issue at Farwell St. and Jefferson St.
- No sidewalk curb-cut and power pole concern at Summit Ave. and Rust St.

B. Announcements

None.

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Catherine Lee by TWW

Catherine Lee, Secretary