

**EAU CLAIRE  
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of November 17, 2020**

**Members Present:** Bill Berg, Kyle Brouillard, JJ Henricksen, Scott Kmetz, Scott Larson, Catherine Lee, Aaron Salmon

**Members Absent:** Matt Boelter, Ann Francis

**Staff Present:** Trevor Wittwer, Ned Noel, Jake Gullickson, Renee Tyler

**Visitors Present:** Michael Kuveal

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Mr. Salmon called the virtual meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **Approval of October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes.** Ms. Henricksen 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.

4. **Public Discussions Item 1: 3rd Quarter Crash Data**

Jake Gullickson with Eau Claire Police Department shared nine crash reports during the quarter. There were examples of bicycle failure to stop and vehicle failure to yield. There was one under the influence arrest after hitting a bicyclist. A few cases involved pedestrian and vehicle accidents receiving warnings. There was one private lot crash at a grocery with vehicle failure to observe a pedestrian and one hit and run a pedestrian on Birch St. There have been no locates. Another case involved a hit pedestrian at Clairemont Ave. and Menomonie St. Mr. Gullickson stated private lots only allow for certain enforcement actions because they are private. Members asked if darker areas on problematic streets could have more lighting for safety.

4. **Public Discussions Item 2: Further Study Areas – Bike & Pedestrian Plan**

Mr. Wittwer stated there are 28 different study areas but West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) is looking to do some planning work to help the City. They would create two to four pages for each area. The areas of further study are found on page 58 in the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and will send the web links. He asked what kind of data is needed and if there are any BPAC volunteers to collect data, observe issues and make recommendations. The Safe Route to Parks Plan had different data sets like population by age, trail connections, crash heat maps and may be a good example. Mr. Salmon suggested to go over prioritization of the routes at the next meeting.

4. **Public Discussions Item 3: 2021 Work Plan**

Mr. Wittwer reviewed the work plan. Members agreed the Bicycle Corral and Parklet Ordinance can carry over to spring to help with outdoor seating during COVID-19 and to make curb adjustments. Complete streets should carry over as well. He stated traffic reporting is under counting due to the pandemic and that limits data evidence in preparing a policy. Members agreed to keep the bicycling friendly business peer network and program and community education. Ongoing items to continue were to provide input on projects and to discuss mobility trends. They wanted to take out safe routes to parks with replace with further study areas. Electric scooter with E-bikes should stay on as well. Recommendations from the League of American Bicyclists need to be followed up on. The Pedestrian Assessment Questionnaire can be carried over and enhanced on the BPAC website for suggestions such as using a generic email. Other ideas that were suggested were regional route wayfinding, organizing bike rides, exploring a possible trail connection to River Prairie, adding trail etiquette signs, and installing mirrors for safety in pedestrian tunnels. Mr. Wittwer will check on the regional sign status.

**4. Public Discussions Item 4: BPAC Awards Update**

Members were pleased with the look of the wood plaques. The ceremony will be first on the agenda for the December meeting and a social media announcement will go out.

**5. Other Business Item 1: Complete Streets Policy Update**

Mr. Wittwer referred back to the earlier discussion under the work plan item.

**5. Other Business Item 2: Bike Repair Station Update**

Mr. Wittwer stated there are no current updates from the Streets Division.

**5. Other Business Item 3: Barstow Crash Data Update**

Mr. Wittwer stated when time permits this data can be forwarded.

**6. Discussion and Direction:**

A. Future Agenda Items

- There is a no sidewalk curb-cut and power pole concern at Summit Ave. and Rust St. Mr. Wittwer said it may be addressed in the sidewalk repair or hazard abatement programs.
- A number of capital improvement projects will be featured.

B. Announcements

Ms. Tyler, the new Director of Community Service, introduced herself and offered assistance on relevant projects or concerns.

**7. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Catherine Lee, Secretary