

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 20, 2021

Members Present: Kyle Brouillard, Doug Dobson, Ann Francis, JJ Henricksen, Scott Kmetz, Scott Larson, Aaron Salmon, Ellen Sorenson

Members Absent: Bill Berg

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Ned Noel, Taylor Graybehl

Visitors Present: None.

1. Call to Order. Chair Mr. Salmon called the virtual meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of March 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Brouillard moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Francis and the motion carried.

3. Open Public Comment Period. Member Larson spoke with members of the public while preparing the bicycle and pedestrian questionnaire, he had some questions from the conversations he brought to the committee.

Concerns:

- Currently traffic lights do not detect bicycles.
- Is there a way to press the walk button to override if the “don’t walk” sign is on?

Staff responded they are unsure if we have any detectors which can detect bicycles currently installed but they could possibly be installed in future projects.

Member Francis shared that a young woman rode off the east side of Highbridge trail, which she and other members have brought before BPAC as dangerous. Staff indicated that the location is currently under review by the City.

4. Public Discussions Item 1: 2021 1st Quarter Crash Data Update

There was one hit and run in the last quarter at Rudolph Road and Taft Avenue. A minor was hit by a motorized vehicle while on a bicycle. He was wearing a helmet and had to go to the hospital. The case is still open and they are not sure who was driving.

Public Discussions Item 2: Bicycle & Pedestrian Questionnaire Update

The Committee reviewed the proposed surveys to be used for future projects by the committee. Members felt the proposed survey was good, short, and to the point. The

Committee discussed the need to add demographic questions like race, sex, age, student, disability, City residency, and potentially area of the City. The Committee discussed if contact information should be provided for members of the public who have a pressing comment. The City has a SurveyMonkey account which may be used to conduct an online survey and analyze the responses. Staff can work with the Committee to create a SurveyMonkey survey. The Committee believes it's important to draft the survey in multiple languages to provide broad outreach. The Committee will discuss the topic at the next meeting.

Public Discussions Item 3: Parklet Café Design Standards

The Committee reviewed the design standards which were approved by Council. Members raised the question as to why a maximum of one parklet is permitted per city block. Members asked how businesses will be made aware of this tool due to the fact the permits are first come first serve? Members brought up how curb stops should have some vertical indicators to make their presence more obvious. Members request that the provided standards page contains reference to the Municipal Code sections.

Public Discussions Item 4: Skateboard Racks – LE Phillips Library

At the previous meeting the Committee made a motion to approve the purchase of a skateboard rack at LE Phillips Library. The Library Design Team and Staff selected a rack which works for skateboards and scooters. The Library Design Team will select a location to place the rack.

5. Other Business Agenda Items Item #1: Special Events Update

Staff spoke with Community Services about music in the park, White indicated they have yet to receive an application for the event.

6. Discussion and Direction:

- A. Future Agenda Items
 - Update on Further Study Areas
 - Wayfinding Signs
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Questionnaire Update
- B. Announcements
 - None.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by Ms. Francis and seconded by Mr. Dobson.

Submitted by:



JJ Henricksen, Secretary