

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 15, 2021

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

Members Absent: William Berg

Staff Present: Trevor Wittwer, Taylor Graybehl

Visitors Present: None

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

2. Approval of May 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Francis 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: League of American Bicyclists Report Card Review. The Committee members discussed the importance of adopting a complete streets program as this is a needed step expressed on previous report cards. Committee members believe many items reflected in the score card would be addressed by the complete streets program. Committee members wonder what can be done to expedite the process.

The Committee discussed the appointment or creation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and planned to discussed it in further detail at a later meeting. The Committee asked staff to invite the new member of the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) coordinator for the City of Eau Claire/Eau Claire County.

The Committee discussed how to incorporate into the school systems perhaps in a manner similar to the safe routes to school.

The Committee is concerned about the lack of codified standards and believes that by adding standards less oversight is required.

The Committee requested staff reach out to another City which has silver rating within the State of Wisconsin to seek advice.

The Committee would like to bring the police department into the discussion to see how to provide funding for education and enforcement.

The Committee explored how to provide a grant or financial incentive to host a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar to increase the number of local LCIs in the City.

4. Public Discussions Item 2: Public Outreach Discussion. The Committee wants to see the survey on the City website for the public to access. They discussed ways in which the committee can conduct outreach to reach a diverse set of community members. A subcommittee containing Committee members Francis, Henricksen, Dobson, and Larson to meet in July with staff to discuss a public participation plan.

4. Public Discussions Item 3: BPAC Awards. The Committee plans to continue to grant awards. They discussed the nomination process and the timeline. The Committee plans to bring nominees to the next meeting. One possible time to present the awards would be in early September to align with bike week.

5. Other Business Agenda Item #1: Speed Feedback Signs Update. Mr. Wittwer provided an update to the Committee about the reprogramming of speed feedback signs within the City and obtaining data from each sign.

5. Other Business Agenda Item #2: Further Study Areas. The City is partnered with West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to conduct analysis of the areas defined as a further study area in the Bike Plan. Commission members discussed conducting on site analysis of the areas.

6. Discussion and Direction:

A. Future Agenda Items

- a. Complete Streets
- b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
- c. School Outreach
- d. League Cycling Instructor
- e. Public Participation Plan
- f. BPAC Awards
- g. Speed Feedback Sign Data
- h. Future Study Areas
- i. Discover your City Walks

B. Announcements

- a. Staff provided updates to the Committee of the Participatory Budgeting program and recent code analysis to increase walkability and affordability of housing with the Congress of New Urbanism.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Dobson.

Submitted by:



JJ Henricksen, Secretary