

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of April 19th, 2022

Members Present: Kmetz, Berg, Brouillard, Larson, Salmon, Francis

Members Absent: Dobson, Henricksen, Sorenson

Staff Present: Wittwer, Hufford, Gullickson, Jurrens

Visitors Present: Jon Myre (3223 Guthrie Rd)

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Visitors. Chair Salmon called the virtual meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meetings March 15, 2022. Committee member Berg moved to approve the minutes. Committee member Francis seconded and it was approved.

3. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda noted as Public Hearings or Items for Public Discussion. None.

4. Public Discussions

Item #1: Crash Data. PD reviewed crash data. Two incidents-pedestrian, both drivers cited for failure to yield. Reviewed speeding and crash data. Discussed changing of left turn light at Brackett and Hastings. Asked if other intersections would benefit from similar change. Discussed specific locations and possible causes. Discussed doing some on-site analysis at locations.

Item #2: City Sidewalk Snow Removal List Review. Staff reviewed map and designations. Bus stops cleared if there is a shelter (over 500 bus stops in the City makes it difficult to clear all logistically and financially). Discussed importance of clearing bus stops for who uses and abilities to access bus stops. Discussed possibility of setting up method to report stops that need prioritized, survey, ask bus drivers for recommendations, reporting system, based on usage, etc. Discuss with Career Development Center on process. Staff will share Tom Wagner's email.

Staff will share list of shelters going in. Would like more information about how decisions are made.

Discussed stops without pads usage when there are snow piles.

Item #3: Public Art – Decorative Street Painting Review. Staff reviewed policy. Reviewed questions. Questions about the cost to remove and if that can be shared up front, discussed how different materials could impact and price would change over time. Discussed including with approval letter, including with letters to remove, getting bids to give an estimate now. Create a FAQ to put on the website:
Where to get insurance, what kind of insurance? (Staff will follow up with Colleen)
Cost to remove? (Staff to get estimates)
Will add FAQ to packet as appendix.
Work with Community Services to develop Public Art process/program.
Staff will share with Neighborhood Association President Meeting

Item #3: Cannery Park Plan Review. Staff asked for questions on project. Questions about speed table – will be separate street project. Concerns over speeds on bike trail and need for separate gravel walking trail, natural barrier, painted pathways designated bike and pedestrian sections, signage. Comments will be passed along to Parks and Waterways: Francis motion to suggest signage (pavement and vertical), landscaping as a natural barrier between items five and ten with egress areas, and grade differential. Motion seconded by Kyle. Motion passed unanimously.
Request for skateboard rack and more bike racks (near 12, 13, 14)
Kyle Motioned to add bike rack on trail side above (12), near playground (9) and maintain at (5) seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business Agenda Items

Item #1: Pedestrian Surveys. Staff asked for questions on surveys. Recommended closing survey, revamping some questions. Will make changes and update survey. Update question to separate street and trails. Update demographics. Share with Catherine with UWEC BPAC. Things to make winter riding more attractive. Pedestrians, split question to sidewalks and crossing streets. Are there areas or times of day you avoid walking.
Request to share process for requesting sidewalk repair through social media. Staff will share process with neighborhood meeting.
Staff will prepare survey and share at next meeting.
Staff will review specific comments to share with pertinent departments.
Asked about eBike charging stations. Possibly create a map with outlets.

Item #2: Speed feedback signs Do not have data from speed feedback signs, not included with software. It is an add-on that can be purchased. Staff will inquire about costs and ability to adding data option.

Concerns brought up about complete streets not being taken seriously and need for good policies to ensure items are consistently addressed. What is Plan B if we can not get the data.

Item #3: Bike Summit Review. Staff reviewed Summit, offered to share any videos if requested.

6. Discussion and Direction

A. Safety Concerns. Comments on surveys on conditions of bike trails, any plans in place to inspect and repair? Similar process to road repair? Staff explained process, trails are evaluated same as roads, Parks or Community Services responsible for process. Staff shared some areas that are in process of repair and will share list of projects scheduled.

B. Future Agenda Items.

- Bike Week
- Survey Update
- Complete Streets
- Speed Feedback Signs
- Review Work Plan
- Mobility Trends
- Possible someone to come discuss process for bus stops/shelters

C. Announcements. Empower Eau Claire ballot is live

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by chair Salmon.

Submitted by:



JJ Henricksen, Secretary