

**EAU CLAIRE
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of February 20th, 2024

Members Present: Bill Berg, Doug Dobson, Scott Larson, Heather Perrault, Ron Scott, Ellen Sorenson

Members Absent: Allen Perkins

Staff Present: Katrina Berg (Planner)

Visitors Present: None

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Visitors. Chair Scott Larson started the meeting at 6:03 pm.

2. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, January 2024. Committee member Doug Dobson moved to approve with an amendment. Committee member Bill Berg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda noted as Public Hearings or Items for Public Discussion.

4. Public Discussions: None

Item #1: Transit Discussion

Ty Fadness gave a background about what goes into selecting a bus stop location.

Doug Dobson suggested to locate the bus stops past the intersections to help drivers differentiate between bus users and pedestrians.

Committee members shared examples of locations that exist already in the community that they think work well for differentiating between bus riders and pedestrians. Transit manager Ty Fadness will give the suggestions to the next safety committee.

Public input: There was no public input.

Action: There was no action.

Item #2: East Grand Ave Reconstruction Discussion

Chair Scott Larson shared that council postponed the approval of the reconstruction of East Grand Ave due to the Eau Claire Downtown Riverfront District Plan completed in 2012. Council wanted to hear the opinion of businesses and BPAC before they vote on the topic.

Members are in favor of a reconfiguration of E Grand Avenue to make it a pedestrian promenade. It would serve as a gateway to the downtown. The most important improvement would be the part of the trail connecting grand avenue pedestrian bridge to the trail along the river.

Members pointed out the successes of the study that have already been implemented. Members noted that the reconfiguration would be a great project to work on next. The reconfiguration into a pedestrian promenade would also support BPAC's work plan item for open streets.

Members voiced that the common good of the reconfiguration of the street to allow for pedestrian mobility to the storefront access and downtown vibrancy would outweigh the benefit of the vehicle parking spaces that would be eliminated.

Members voiced that there are many existing parking options that are currently underutilized. There are also options currently under construction.

Public input: There was no public input.

Action: There was no action.

Item #3: Authorization of funds for outreach event items,

Committee members discussed the presented items and price lists. Committee members were in favor of purchasing 5 packs of spoke reflectors, 2 orders of wrist reflectors, and 8 packs of bike lights.

Public input: There was no public input.

Action: Committee Member Doug motioned to approve of the purchasing of outreach events not to exceed \$500. Heather Seconded. Unanimously approved.

Item #4: Bylaws

Committee members had questions about the proposed bylaws including when the chair can vote, if a quorum is current members or allowed number of members, and if a simple majority is of the committee members present or the majority of the whole committee.

Public input: There was no public input.

Action: There was no action.

5. Discussion and Direction

A. Future Agenda Item Recommendations

- Bylaws
- BPAC Awards
- Grand Ave Reconstruction
- Bike Friendly Score Sheet (if available)
- Bike Week Event

B. Announcements

- Chair Scott Larson shared that he spoke with the organizers of Tuesday night Blues that they would like to have a bike valet.
- Committee member Ron Scott made an announcement that he will be absent from meetings in the summer.
- Staff member Katrina Berg handed out signs for BPAC award nominations.

6. Adjournment – Committee member Bill Berg made the motion to adjourn and Committee Member Doug Dobson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by Chair Scott Larson.

Submitted by:



Heather Perrault, Secretary