BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of May 21st, 2024

Members Present: Bill Berg, Doug Dobson, Scott Larson, Heather Perrault, Allen Perkins, Joshua Miller

Members Absent: Ron Scott, Tim Nyseth, Ellen Sorenson

Staff Present: Katrina Berg (Planner), Al Rinka (Deputy City Engineer)

Visitors Present: Jeremy Gragert, Jared Glassco

1. Call to Order & Introduction of Visitors. Chair Scott Larson started the meeting at 6:01 pm.

- **2. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting, April 2024.** Committee Member Allen Perkins moved to approve. Committee Member Doug Dobson 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.

Josh Miller introduced himself as a new member of BPAC and as the new City Council Member on BPAC.

4. Public Discussions: Guest Jared Glassco asked about new bike paths or crossings on the east side of City over by Altoona, across Otter Creek, and ways to get across USH 53. Guest Jeremy Gragert and Staff Member Katrina Berg pointed out that there are some trails shown in this area within the Bike and Pedestrian Plan.

Item #1: Bike Corral Ordinance and Policy Discussion

Staff member Katrina Berg shared about the proposed ordinance allowing bike corrals within the public street. She also shared about a policy that they are working on to accompany the ordinance.

Public input: Guest Jared Glassco inquired about permanent bike parking and where to get information on it. He was instructed to contact Engineering for more info.

Generally the committee was not in favor of a rental fee when drafting the policy in the future and discussed why the fee was necessary.

For the ordinance, the committee requested to remove the word "restaurant" from the first sentence of 13.12.063 B. "Permit required" section and replace it with "business."

Action: Committee Member Heather Perrault made a motion and Committee Member Bill Berg seconded to approve with the condition of the word "restaurant" replaced. Unanimously approved.

Item #2: Educational Social Media for Bike Week Discussion

The committee reviewed and discussed staff's Facebook post drafts and made some revision recommendations. Staff Member Katrina Berg will revise.

Public input: Guest Jeremy Gragert handed out flyer itineraries for bike week.

Action: There was no action, discussion only.

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Item #3: Meeting Time Discussion

Discussion of moving the meeting time earlier raised concerns of attendance for people that work until 5 pm and might reduce attendance and participation. It was decided to discuss again at a future meeting. Heather Perrault was in favor of keeping the meeting time at 6pm.

Public input: Guest Jared Glassco mentioned if it was any earlier he wouldn't be able to make attendance to this meeting.

Action: There was no action.

Item #4: Letter of Support Approval - Farwell Street Design & Study Grant Application

The committee reviewed the letter and was in full support of the letter and what it proposes to fund.

Public input: The was no public input.

Action: Motion made by Committee Member Bill Berg and seconded by Committee Member Allen Perkins to allow Chair Scott Larson to approve and sign the letter on behalf of BPAC.

5. Discussion and Direction

- A. Future Agenda Item Recommendations
 - Chair Scott Larson would like to see construction updates on current CIP projects.
 - Menomonie Street update, trail updates, and all other project updates.
 - Chair Scott Larson asked if there was a trail maintenance or improvement schedule.
 - Committee Member Bill Berg asked why the tunnel by Mayo near 5th Street appeared to be incomplete on one end.
 - Birch Street future upgrade discussion.
 - Calendar of future 5-year CIP projects.

B. Announcements

- May 30th Shift Event
- June 4th Bike Valet at Tuesday Night Blues
- June 7th Bike Week Party

6. Adjournment – Committee Member Heather Perrault made the motion to adjourn and Committee Member Allen Perkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by Chair Scott Larson.

Submitted by:

Heather Perrault, Secretary

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