

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – 10:00 AM

City Conference Room – County-City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Marlene Pohl; Trevor Roark; Tori Jennings; Jim Menzel

EXCUSED: Liz McDonald

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Schatschneider; Kyle Kearns

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 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
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 4. Discuss objectives and goals
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 7. Adjourn
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1. Call to Order
2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
Action on the above:
Motion by Marlene Pohl to nominate Tori Jennings as Chair;
Motion by Tori Jennings to nominate Trevor Roark as Vice-Chair.
Motion carried: 3-0
3. Establish guidelines for Citizen/Public input and communication between members
Discussion on above:
(a) Committee agreed that public comment should be limited to five minutes per speaker when commenting on agenda items. The Chair will introduce the item, the committee will discuss it, and at the discretion of the chair, the item will be opened for public comment.

(b) BPAC will have a dedicated website with web address made available on the City's website (agendas and meeting minutes). Kyle Kearns suggested integrating 'My Sidewalk' as a feature of the website to receive public comments, or creating a Facebook page. Tori Jennings will investigate possible website options before the next meeting.

(c) Meeting minutes will be made available to committee members and the public. Committee members will alternate taking meeting minutes.

4. Discuss objectives and goals

Discussion on above:

The committee discussed objectives and short-term goals. Tori Jennings recommended that the committee collaboratively write a draft newspaper and mission/vision statements before the next meeting with these objectives in mind. Discussion of objectives: solve problems (Jennings); make sure the city adopts recommendations for the urban side of the Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Roark); emphasize accessibility (Pohl); identify streets primarily for cyclists (Menzel); provide education for public and city about bike infrastructure and safety for cyclists and drivers (Jennings); create transportation equity (Roark); integrate cycling with transit (Pohl); maximize street use (Menzel); follow through with goals for a Path to Sustainable Stevens Point (pg. 36-42) (Roark) ; promote Stevens Point as a Bike Town for tourism and livability (Jennings).

Discussion of short-term goals: Evaluate North Point crossing (Pohl); help drive adoption of Portage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Stevens Point by talking with alders and public (Roark); identify north/south and east/west bicycle commuter routes for Stevens Point (Jennings); evaluate signage needs to make Ellis Street a principal cycling route (Menzel).

5. Select a liaison to the County Bike/Ped group

Discussion on above:

Tori Jennings asked Marlene Pohl if she would be the liaison for Portage County (Jeff Schuller of Portage County Planning and Zoning Department). Pohl agreed.

6. Schedule next meeting

Discussion on above:

Meetings will be scheduled for third Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is September 15 at 10:00.

7. Adjournment