

**AGENDA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

**City Conference Room
County-City Building
1515 Strong's Avenue**

**February 16, 2015
10:00 AM**

(A Quorum of the City Council May Attend This Meeting)

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from January 18, 2015 meeting.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Finalize plans and approve press release for special session (Portage County Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan prioritization and bicycling information session). The special session is scheduled for Thursday, March 03, 2016. 5:00-7:00 PM. Pinery Room, Portage County Library.
5. UWSP Common Council passes resolution to create a bike/ped task force to develop a campus bike/ped plan for UW-Stevens Point.
6. Approve bicycle license brochure created by UWSP students.
7. Bicycle license form distribution by BPAC members.
8. Discuss Volunteer Caregivers of Portage County (or other program) to fill service gap for elderly/disabled/other qualified residents who cannot shovel sidewalks.
9. Bike Parking Ordinance update.
11. Schedule next meeting.
12. Adjourn.

* Persons who wish to speak on an agenda item (Public Hearing) will be limited to a five (5) minute presentation.

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REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 19, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
City Conference Room - County-City Bldg.
1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Present: Trevor Roark, Tori Jennings, Marlene Pohl, Maud LaMarche, (excused Liz McDonald)

Also Present: Bob Fisch, Kyle Kearns, Bob Brush

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3. Persons who wish to address the committee for up to (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
4. Update on TAP Grant Application
5. Update on web-site
6. Planning for BPAC citizen input on Prioritization Meeting
7. Schedule next meeting
8. Adjourn.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tori Jennings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Minutes and Actions from December 15, 2015 meeting

Minutes from 12/15/16 meeting moved for approval by Marlene Pohl. Trevor Roark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Persons who wish to address the committee for up to (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.

Chairperson Jennings offered the floor to those who wished to speak on a non-agenda item and no one expressed an interest in speaking at this time. Floor was closed.

4. Update on TAP Grant Application

Chairperson Jennings announced that the TAP Grant was unanimously approved by the City Common Council. She expressed gratitude to Kyle Kearns and Scott Schatschneider, for their extensive and exhaustive work to see that this was completed in the short time-frame available for submittal and the committee thanked her and Vice-Chair Trevor Roark also. She announced it will be submitted the following Monday or Tuesday.

5. Update on web-site

Chairperson Jennings gave an update that we have a static site for a web-page and will be connecting relevant links to that page. Because of the need for materials to be vetted we will not have an active interactive site such as Facebook. She suggested we contact Sara Brish of the

Convention and Visitor's center for assistance in setting up links. New committee member Maud LaMarche volunteered her extensive IT skills for the web-planning but will not be available for such until post March. Chairperson Jennings suggested additional materials such as maps of bike routes could be made available and Trevor Roark suggested we work with Jeff Schuler and Dan Bowers for inclusion of the County elements. Marlene Pohl stated she has informed Director of the County Planning and Zoning Dept., Jeff Schuler, that she may be contacted as the County liaison for the BPAC and will contact him regarding map elements when we are ready to move towards actual development of the site. Trevor suggested Marlene Pohl to acquaint herself with new County Planning and Zoning member Dan Bowers also and she reported she has met him but will contact him again regarding this expected collaboration.

6. Planning for BPAC citizen input on Prioritization Meeting

Much discussion ensued regarding what elements should be included in the public input prioritization meeting currently scheduled at the Public Library for March 3rd at 5:00 PM. It was unanimously agreed that the elements presented in the TAP grant will necessarily be given priority if selected, and that there has already been extensive public input on the Bike/Pedestrian plan, but that it does not make suggestions for prioritization. Many suggestions were presented on what elements should be included at this meeting and how to allow the public to have participatory input that would also be able to be easily translated into particular elements of the Plan. It was discussed that we are yet unaware of what prioritizations committee members have towards the Plan and that we should each bring our top five prioritization suggestions for discussion to the next meeting. No motions were passed.

7. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

8. Adjourn.

Chairperson Jennings adjourned the meeting at 11:03 PM.

For Immediate Release

Public Workshop to Prioritize Stevens Point's Actions Within the Newly Adopted Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, 5-7pm @ the Portage County Public Library – Pinery Room

Press contact for event: Trevor Roark 715-570-1961 trevorroark@yahoo.com

In October of last year, the City of Stevens Point took a major step forward towards greatly improving access and safety for bicycling and walking throughout Stevens Point. The adoption of the *Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (Bike/Ped Plan)* by the City represents an important commitment to moving toward transportation equity for residents and visitors alike. The recently formed (Mayor-appointed) Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is actively using this *Bike/Ped Plan* as a primary tool to make recommendations to the City Plan Commission for future improvements.

The BPAC is hosting a public workshop to help prioritize the recommendations/actions in the *Bike/Ped Plan* on March 3rd, 2016, from 5-7 PM in the Pinery Room of the Portage County Public Library. “The *Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* Prioritization Workshop is planned to jointly, with the public, staff, and elected and appointed officials, review, analyze and order goals and objectives within the plan based on factors such as importance, resources, time, etc.”, says Kyle Kearns, Economic Development Specialist / Associate Planner for the City. “Once prioritized, the City’s BPAC will be better suited to make realistic recommendations for improvements to bicycling and walking within the City.”

This free event is open to everyone and residents of Stevens Point will get a chance to offer their voice on bicycle & pedestrian issues. The evening will also feature more information about the *Bike/Ped Plan*, meet and greet with BPAC members, rules of the road, and basic bicycling & walking tips.

Please note: A quorum of the City Council and/or BPAC may attend this meeting.

Have You Heard? Stevens Point has a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan!

The Portage County Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted by the City of Stevens Point in October 2015. Below is vision and the mission:

Vision

2035: Welcome to Portage County, where our residents advocate healthy living options, and regularly bike and walk. We travel together in safety and comfort, and are recognized as a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly community. Our municipalities understand and support the economic and social benefits that bicycle and pedestrian-friendly facilities bring to enhance life for residents and visitors alike.

Mission

We achieve our vision through the creation of a well-connected network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities that provide a wide range of options to meet and expand the transportation and recreational preferences of Portage County residents and visitors.

For further details, the plan can be accessed by the following reference link:

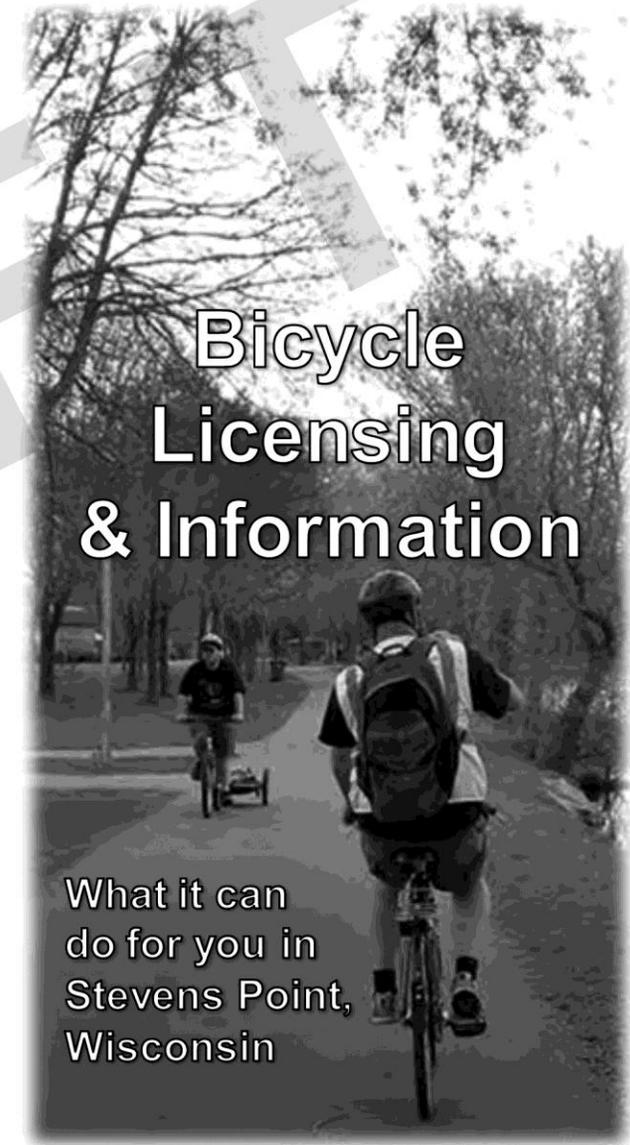
<https://stevenspoint.com/DocumentCenter/View/871>

Just remember... even Einstein said "Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving."



Happy Riding...

Credits: City of Stevens Point Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee; The Green Circle Trail; The League of American Bicyclists; and UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources students, Hanna Zakerewski and Brewster Johnson.



Bicycle Licensing & Information

What it can
do for you in
Stevens Point,
Wisconsin



A bicycle license is a form of identification and registration for your bicycle.

A bicycle license is **proof of ownership** and makes your bicycle much easier to recover if stolen. Licenses also give local governments a better idea of the biking population in Stevens Point and can help aid bicycle infrastructure and assess improvements.

To purchase a bicycle license, go to the Stevens Point Police Department located at **1515 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481**. SPPD is only a 6 minute bicycle ride from the UW-Stevens Point campus!

Bicycle licenses are only **\$6.00** and **non-expiring!**



Green Circle Trail



Image received from greencircletrail.org

Looking for some beautiful places to ride your licensed bicycle? The Green Circle Trail is exactly what you're looking for! Since 1989 the Green Circle Committee has maintained bicycle and walking trails for the community and visitors to enjoy. The trail passes through many of Stevens Point's historical parks and natural areas.

Same Roads, Same Rules

A bicycle is considered a vehicle by law, and is subject to the same rights as any other vehicle. Properly licensed bicycles help enforce the rules of the road while preventing theft. However, accidents happen, and well designed roads make it easy for both bicycles and cars to share the road. **Bicyclists must:**

- Yield at red lights and stop signs
- Use turn signals
- Do not have the right of way
- Ride with traffic
- Have a white light in front and a red reflector in the back of their bicycle

For more information visit:
www.wibikelaws.com

Local Facts

In 2015, **109** licenses were sold, **77** bicycles were reported stolen, and **56** abandoned bicycles were collected.

Stevens Point is a **bronze** level Bicycle Friendly Community. To find more information visit: www.bikeleague.org.

Biking is a great alternative to reduce your local environmental impact, reduce transportation costs, and increase your personal fitness and wellbeing.

License Number	Date of Issue	Serial Number of Bicycle
Last Name	First Name	MI
		Date of Birth
Local Address		Phone Number
Home Address (if different)		Phone Number

Brand Name	Color of Frame	Foot Brake ()
	Color of Fender None ()	Hand Brake ()
Motor Bicycle ()	SIZE: Check the most applicable	Other data (optional):
Man's or Boy's Bike . . . ()	Adult (26" wheel, 19" frame, or larger) ()	
Woman's or Girl's Bike . . ()	Medium (24" wheel, 17" frame) ()	
Number of Speeds _____	Child (20" wheel, 15" frame, or smaller) ()	
Other (specify): _____		POLICE DEPARTMENT Stevens Point, WI 54481 715 346-1500

KEEP THIS RECORD. It has your bicycle's serial number and license number listed, in case you ever need to report these numbers.

The registration tag must be displayed on the frame (on the seat tube below the seat). Under current City Ordinance, this registration is valid for as long as you own the bicycle. If the tag becomes illegible or it is stolen or lost, you must apply for a duplicate. Notify the Police Department whenever you change address. If you transfer ownership, give this record to the new owner, and remove and destroy your registration tag. The new owner must apply for a new registration tag. (NOTE EXCEPTION: Transfer to a member of your immediate family. Just report to the Police Department for transfer, free of charge.) If you should junk, remove from operation, or transfer ownership of the bicycle to someone outside of Stevens Point, notify the Police Department, so the registration may be cancelled.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

TO: _____ FROM: _____
Name Signature

**ORDINANCE CREATING SUBSECTION 9.12(v)
OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN**

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: That Subsection 9.12(v) of the Revised Municipal Code of the City of Stevens Point shall be created as follows:

9.12(v) Abandoned Bicycles.

- (1) Violation. No person may leave unattended any bicycle on any public street, highway, building, place or park upon any public property, for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the bicycle to reasonably appear abandoned.
- (2) Notice of Abatement. Any bicycle in violation of sub. (1) may have a notice affixed to it which informs the owner of the bicycle, that the bicycle appears to be abandoned. Only police officers or Community Service Officers have authority to affix such notices upon bicycles. The notice shall indicate:
 - a. The date and time the notice was affixed;
 - b. A phone number for the owner to call to inform the agency which affixed the notice, that the bicycle is not abandoned;
 - c. The date and time after which the bicycle may be removed under sub. (3).
A bicycle shall be deemed as “not abandoned” if the owner of the bicycle, within 72 hours of the affixing of a Notice of Abandonment, notifies the agency affixing that notice, that the bicycle is not abandoned.
- (3) Removal. If a bicycle remains in violation of sub. (1) more than 72 hours after the Notice of Abandonment has been affixed in compliance with sub. (2), that bicycle may be removed by any Police Officer or Community Service Officer and immediately thereafter delivered to the police property room. However, before any designated person removes a bicycle they shall first determine whether their agency has designated the bicycle as “not abandoned.” A bicycle designated “not abandoned” may not be removed. A bicycle removed under this section shall remain in the custody of the police department until it is retrieved by the owner or otherwise disposed of according to law.
- (4) Impoundment Fee. A removed bicycle in the custody of the police department shall be permitted to be retrieved by the owner only if the impoundment fee is paid, as set by the Abandoned Bicycle Fee Schedule Policy.

SECTION II: That this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved: _____
Mike Wiza, Mayor

Attest: _____
John Moe, City Clerk

Dated: March 21, 2015
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