

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - 10:00 AM

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

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Trevor Roark, Marlene Pohl

ABSENT: Liz McDonald

ALSO PRESENT: Kyle Kearns, Bob Fisch, Cathy Dugan, Megan Rheaume-Brand, Madelin Petz

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1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from January 19, 2016 meeting.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a nonagenda item.
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.
10. Schedule next meeting.
11. Adjourn.

Discussion and possible action on the following:

1. Meeting was called to order by Tori Jennings at 10:25 AM (meeting was delayed because quorum was not present at 10:00).
2. Report of the January 19, 2016 BPAC meeting.
Motion by Marlene Pohl to approve minutes; second by Trevor Roark. Motion carries 3-0-0.
3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.
Cathy Dugan asked for status on Safe Routes to Schools. Chairperson Tori Jennings reminded everyone that non-agenda items are statements by public rather than question/answer.
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Motion by Trevor Roark to table plans for special session and schedule another meeting to discuss agenda item 4; second by Marlene Pohl. Motion carries 3-0-0.

The committee discussed ways to advertise the special session workshop in addition to a press release prepared by Trevor Roark. Trevor Roark suggested Facebook and printed flyers. Cathy Dugan stated that posters and flyers work well in our community.

Marlene Pohl motioned to move forward with the press release; second by Trevor Roark. Motion carries 3-0-0.

5. UWSP Common Council passes resolution to create a bike/ped task force to develop a campus bike/ped plan for UW-Stevens Point.

Trevor Roark explained that a resolution was passed at UWSP to develop a bike/ped task force. Once the task force is developed, BPAC can work with UWSP to promote events and offer assistance with the bike/ped plan.

6. Approve bicycle license brochure created by UWSP students.

The committee discussed the brochure designed by UWSP students. Kyle Kearns provided edits on wording and graphics. Tori Jennings noted a problem with graphic resolution. Marlene Pohl suggested changing quote attribution and wording on why get a bicycle license.

Bob Fisch stated that the wording on lights is incorrect.

Cathy Dugan said that images taken from the Internet should receive attribution.

Marlene Pohl motioned to send the brochure back for revision and approve later; second by Trevor Roark. Motion carries 3-0-0.

7. Bicycle license form distribution by BPAC members.

Trevor Roark stated that we do not have the forms at this time.

8. Discuss Volunteer Caregivers of Portage County (or other program) to fill service gap for elderly/disabled/other qualified residents who cannot shovel sidewalks.

Tori Jennings said that snow shoveling has improved under the new Mayor and with the new ordinance enforcement officer. However, shoveling walkways is problematic for elderly residents and residents with limited mobility. Trevor Roark investigated options and briefly explained the Volunteer Caregivers of Portage County and Chore Service Provider programs. If a resident cannot shovel their walkways in Portage County, they might be referred to Chore Service Providers. Chore Providers collects a nominal fee for snow shoveling. If the resident cannot afford this fee, they will be referred to church pastors around town. Trevor Roark suggested that it would be advisable for the city enforcement officer to have this information when he addressing residents who fail to shovel their walks.

Marlene Pohl disagrees that snow shoveling has improved. She feels that snow shoveling is in fact worse this year. Tori Jennings stated that the responsiveness to complaints seems better and referenced the City webpage where complaints for shoveling and other violations can be submitted.

Cathy Dugan stated that some Downtown businesses are not doing a good job shoveling. She stated that more improvement is needed. The committee agreed.

9. Bike Parking Ordinance update.

Tori Jennings stated that the Parking Ordinance drafted by the City Attorney will be on the Plan Commission agenda in March and will then go to Council.

10. Schedule next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, February 19 at 2:00 PM to address agenda item #4.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.