

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 11, 2016 - 9:00 AM

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

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, Scott Cole, Michael O'Meara, and Scott Cole

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns

ALSO PRESENT: Erin Hoey, Greg Wright, Dan Wussow, Megan Christiansen, Katy Strebe

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2. Minutes and Actions from Special Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting on August 30, 2016.
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. Greg Wright presentation on Art Walk.
5. Staff Update.
6. Summary of Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count 2016.
7. BPAC to host information table at Fourth Annual Information Fair in celebration of National Campus Sustainability Day on October 26, 2016 (see attached).
8. TAP Grant Award.
9. Review of BPAC first 12 months and vision statement (see attached).
10. Schedule next meeting.
11. Adjourn.

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1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order by Tori Jennings

2. Minutes and Actions from Special Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting on August 30, 2016.

Motion by Michael O'Meara to approve the minutes; Second by Bill Fehrenbach. All Ayes, motion carried.

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Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Greg Wright presentation on Art Walk.

Greg Wright presented the concept of art space crosswalks saying that these draw attention to high use crosswalks. Artistic crosswalks are affordable. Furthermore, he stated they could be implemented at crossings such as Franklin/Division and Main St/66 to the riverfront. They have been proven to be effective in other communities. He feels Art and design ideas should make future committee agendas.

Michael O'Meara mentioned that sculptured bike racks are another possibility to attract more people to bike downtown that are more secure to lock bikes to and questioning if they could be funded through grants.

Trevor Roark commented that a grant idea could work through a partnership led by the city for sculptured racks. Also, there could be a volunteer paint crew for artistic crosswalks.

She stated it needs to be an open median, not a barricade.

Michael O'Meara suggested we should invite Nicole Linze for a Transportation Funding / Enhancement discussion.

5. Staff Update.

City Planner Kyle Kearns said that a consultant is needed before TAP Grant bike lanes can be painted.

O'Meara stated this is especially needed with crossings.

Mr. Kearns suggested that the City should wait until the comprehensive plan is done with the City before adopting complete streets policy.

Roark asked if BPAC can have any input into the comp plan, to which Mr. Kearns answered yes, furthermore indicating drafting chapters can be fed input from the public. He then encourage BPAC members should attend Comprehensive Plan chapter planning committee meetings.

O'Meara stated that a vision statement is needed. For example, the new Roundy's was built without bike/pedestrian access in mind. O'Meara proposed that the City review and comment on all new commercial and residential construction.

6. Summary of Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count 2016.

Bill Fehrenbach co-organized and conducted the first City-wide Bike/Ped count. Bill mentioned this was not a statistically accurate count, just a snapshot and summarized results while complimenting all volunteers. Michael O'Meara stated that a 16-hour count was done on Stanley Street.

7. BPAC to host information table at Fourth Annual Information Fair in celebration of National Campus Sustainability Day on October 26, 2016 (see attached).

Organizing for the event was discussed among the committee members.

Tori Jennings suggested that BPAC get Wisconsin Bicycle Federation Safety cards from Michelle Bachaus.

8. TAP Grant Award.

Tori Jennings and Trevor Roark submitted the 2016 TAP Grant request in early 2016 and received \$391,000 for the project with which 20% of costs will be funded locally by the City. The grant request will create 13.16 miles of bike lanes, urban shoulders, and shared lane markings. Lastly, Tori noted that Stanley St. and Division St. were left out of grant coverage.

9. Review of BPAC first 12 months and vision statement (see attached).

Tori Jennings summarized the following accomplishments of BPAC since its creation. Accomplishments: Formed in Aug 2015, First meeting September 2015, 2016 First bike count for City only, Bike licensing at UWSP DUC, TAP Grant submitted and won, WI Bike Fed at farmers market, LAB Silver Status application submitted for the City, Walk Your Wheels Graphics painted on downtown sidewalks, Bike route map is currently being designed by student Ellie Corban, Trevor Roark attended the first Midwest Active Transportation Conference, Abandoned Bicycle Tag Ordinance was created, Shared advice to help SP Airport get started with their bike share program, Spring BPAC public workshop at Library, Portage County Countywide Bike/Ped Plan

adopted by the City September 2015, Created brochure for bike licenses, etc., Organized bike ride around City with League of American Bicyclists representative.

Trevor Roark shared the licensing numbers in Stevens Point (as stated from Police records), 2014 – 81, 2015 – 108, and 2016 – 136.

Tori Jennings shared her invited for the Mayor to attend a future BPAC meeting to address comments in the media and clarify the role of BPAC.

10. Schedule next meeting.

BPAC determined the next meeting would be held the third Tuesday of the month, November 15, 2016, due to the upcoming election day.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.