

## REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15, 2016 - 9:00 AM

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns

ALSO PRESENT: John Quirk Erin Hoey, Phillip Hass, Connor Hentz, Assistant Chief Tom Zenner, Sergeant Mike Rottier, Nathan Sandwick, Martin Pikula, and Alderperson Cathy Dugan

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1. Call to Order.  
Meeting called to order by Tori Jennings
  2. Minutes and Actions from August 9 and October 11, 2016 regular meetings.  
**Motion by Bill Fehrenbach, seconded by Michael O'Meara to above both minutes. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
  3. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.\*  
John Quirk was concerned about the design of sharrow pavement markings on the newly reconstructed 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He is concerned that they were not painted the correct distance from the curb since parking is allowed on the street. He also wanted to know why these are now on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and if this is a new standard. He suggested the City educate the public as to the meaning of the sharrow markings.  
Michael O'Meara asked that the Committee to put on a future agenda, a briefing on the city's snow and ice control plans especially on how they relate to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Mayor Wiza suggested that he would forward the City's Snow Plan to BPAC.

Tori Jennings showed us a copy of the film "Aftermass" and a draft of a Stevens Point Bike map created by UWSP student Ellie Corbin. There was a discussion on how the map could be distributed.

**Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:**

4. Mayor Wiza to address comments made in City Times on September 19, 2016

Mayor Wiza expressed concern that some of the communications by committee members are not making the status of the committee as an advisory committee clear to the public.

Wiza mentioned that the original memo created when this committee was created stated that BPAC would be only advisory in nature. Wiza suggested that the morphing of BPAC beyond an advisory role was mostly his fault.

Tori Jennings said that little from the PCCBPP (Portage County Countywide Bike Ped Plan) will get done if BPAC becomes a committee that only advises the City's Plan Commission.

The committee shared confusion as to what constitutes advocacy vs. education vs. advice.

Wiza also spoke of the chain of command and how he feels the committee fits into it.

Nathan Sandwick, community development educator for University of Wisconsin Extension, said he is always available to help the city and this committee with public participation strategies.

Trevor Roark shared concern that there are too many recommendations in the PCCBPP for City Staff to handle on their own due to budget cuts and lack of staff. Trevor gave several examples of BPAC successes and completed projects in the last year that would have been very difficult to prioritize by City Staff. Trevor also mentioned that Mayor Wiza approached BPAC in Dec. 2015 to consider pursuing the 2016 TAP Grant, which falls outside of an advisory role.

Michael O'Meara suggested that BPAC should advise not just the Plan Commission. It should vary depending on the item addressed.

**Motion by Michael O'Meara to amend the agenda to consider item 7 of the agenda immediately, seconded by Tori Jennings. Motion carried 5-0-0.**

7. Analysis of bicycle licensing totals since 1996 (see attached).

The number of bicycle licenses issued has fallen precipitously over the years. Sgt. Mike Rottier suggested he could speculate as to why, but couldn't confirm actual drivers in declining numbers. Sgt. Rottier mentioned that less bike rodeos and less/no University participation may have caused this. There was a discussion as to whether licenses could be issued at point of sale as well as at the Police Department.

Bill Fehrenbach asked if auto dealers can issue titles why can't bike shops issue bike licenses.

5. Staff Update.

Associate Planner Kyle Kearns mentioned that the Connect Communities application was due later in the month.

6. Results from the 2016 Stevens Point Bike/Ped Count.

Bill Fehrenbach presented the results of the fall 2016 bicycle count administered by BPAC. The counts showed that bicycle and pedestrian traffic continues to be heavy throughout the city. The committee also discussed the possibility of running a spring and fall count next year to align with the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project.

8. Consideration of bike/pedestrian/motorist safety mailer to be included with water bills.

Staff was unsure as to whether the mailers can be included with water bills. Associate Planner Kyle Kearns will check with Joel Lemke, Director of Utilities, to see if they can be included. Another suggestion was to include mailers with tax bills, and also see if the mailers can be distributed by the school district.

John Quirk stated they could be included on the City web site and public access channel.

9. Update on discussions about community bike share programs.

The committee discussed that a feasibility plan for a bike share program in Stevens Point might be a good idea.

Trevor Roark suggested this is listed as a recommendation in the PCCBPP.

Four groups that have been identified as possible users are Stevens Point Airport pilots, UWSP students, local business employees, and visitors.

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Trevor shared the web site with the committee and encouraged all to complete the survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ncwrpcbikapedsurvey>) and edit the interactive map (<http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/NCWRBPP.html>).

11. Schedule next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016.

12. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.