

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 13, 2016 - 9:00 AM

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

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, and Scott Cole

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns

ALSO PRESENT: Justin Seis, Hailey Johnson,
and

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1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from November 15, 2016 regular meetings.
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. Approve meeting days and times for the next six months.
5. Staff Update.
6. Approve bike licensing recommendations.
7. Discuss and approve presentation to Plan Commission regarding League of American Bicyclists BFC Status decision; bicycle and pedestrian motorist safety mailer to be included with 2017 tax bills; and year-end report and recommendations.
8. Discuss March BPAC Open House event.
9. Discuss and approve recommendations on Stanley Street per Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
10. Schedule next meeting.
11. Adjourn.

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1. Call to Order.

Chair Tori Jennings called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Minutes and Actions from November 15, 2016 regular meetings.

Motion by Trevor Roark, second by Bill Fehrenbach to approve minutes of the November meeting. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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

Tori Jennings shared some articles. Shifting Gears is changing its strategic plan, but its progress is still uncertain. None present knew of any changes.

Justin Seis said that UWSP has purchased two bike repair stations for campus. Justin coordinated the purchase and elaborated. The repair stations are purchased from Dero. Scott Cole has more information on other brands and has access to manufacturers. He will gather more information for the committee in case the City would consider a purchase for a location like the Downtown Shopko Bus Plaza.

Tori Jennings received a survey from the US DOT and completed it.

The UWSP GIS Department has published their newsletter, Geo News. Highlights include the mobile Green Circle Trail Map app, and the local bike map project coordinated by a UWSP student which is complete and will be published soon.

Trevor Roark is following up with Anna Haines (City Plan Commission) regarding a condition of approval to construct a parking lot at KASH Playground at Mead Park. This condition included new bike parking near KASH Playground, but besides the parking lot being constructed, there has been no evident action to install new bike parking by the City yet.

Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:

4. Approve meeting days and times for the next six months.

Tori Jennings suggested that BPAC should make changes to accommodate schedules of committee members. Starting in February, meeting times will be on the Wednesday following the second Monday of the month at 9:00 A.M in the City Conference Room.

5. Staff Update.

None

6. Approve bike licensing recommendations.

Last month the committee reviewed bicycle license registrations over the last 10 years and noted a sharp decrease in licensing. It was not an action item last month.

Motion by Bill Fehrenbach, second by Trevor Roark, to recommend that the Stevens Point Police Department work in conjunction with local bike shops to sell city bicycle licenses at the time of purchase (with details to be worked out between the police and the shops). Motion passed 4-0-0.

7. Discuss and approve presentation to Plan Commission regarding League of American Bicyclists BFC Status decision; bicycle and pedestrian motorist safety mailer to be included with 2017 tax bills; and year-end report and recommendations.

BPAC would like to present a year-end BPAC Report to the City Plan Commission in January. Tori Jennings has already prepared a year-end BPAC Report and will include photos/video. The Report will also include the Bicycle-Friendly Community (BFC) Bronze Medal Award from League of American Bicyclists (and lack of advancement from Bronze to Silver) and September Bike-Ped Count data. The January presentation will include committee actions from 2016 and could include BPAC goals and objectives for 2017.

Kyle Kearns would like to pursue getting a BPAC Report to be a regular item on the Plan Commission agenda. Kyle mentioned that this would allow for continued communication if action items come up.

Motion by Trevor Roark, second by Scott Cole to approve January presentation to the Plan Commission regarding BPAC year in review, the BFC Award, and to review goals and objectives for 2017. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Regarding the tax-bill mailer, 2016 tax bills have gone out. This would be for 2017 if approved.

8. Discuss March BPAC Open House event.

BPAC discussed a plan for a March BPAC event similar to last year's public BPAC session. A "bike swap" format was discussed. Showing of the film Aftermass was discussed. It was concluded that more committee members need to view the film. As an alternative, Justin Seis suggests the film Bikes vs. Cars, which will be shown as part of the UWSP film series at the DUC Theatre in February. Either film might be too long for such an event.

Tori Jennings mentioned the theme of bronze to silver - how can we as a city progress to the Bicycle Friendly Community Silver-level designation through the League of American Bicyclists?

BPAC will consult with Michelle Bacchus from the WI Bike Federation for ideas. Tori mentioned that bike safety is a topic worth considering. BPAC would like to stage the event in the Pinery Room at the library again, so the feasibility of having a bike swap in that space will need to be considered.

Trevor Roark has volunteered to be in charge of food again.

BPAC members agreed that they need more firm ideas by next meeting.

9. Discuss and approve recommendations on Stanley Street per Portage County Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

The Stanley Street line items from the Portage County County-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan were highlighted. The entire Portage County County-Wide Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan has been approved by Portage County recommending these changes be implemented by the appropriate municipalities. Further, Stevens Point approved these urban recommendations.

Motion by Trevor Roark, seconded by Bill Fehrenbach to approve the recommendations in the Portage County County-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Stanley Street and State Highway 66 as listed on page 73 of the plan.

Justin Seis, who lives near Stanley, spoke in favor of the recommendations, indicating he and others feel Stanley Street is not a safe street for bicyclists.

Approved 4-0-0.

10. Schedule next meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 9:00 a. m.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 A.M.