

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 15, 2017 - 9:00 AM

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

PRESENT: Tori Jennings, Bill Fehrenbach, and Trevor Roark

STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns, and Tom Schrader (City Parks Director)

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Erickson, Megan Giefer, Marlene Pohl, and Cathy Dugan (District 8 Alder)

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1. Call to Order.
2. Persons who wish to address committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.*
Consideration and Possible Action on the Following:
3. Staff Update (RFQ for TAP grant; CN Railroad rails to trails update; Connect Communities; BPAC recommendation to follow PCCBPP for Prentice Street Reconstruct).
4. Steps for creating street plan as part of 2017 goals and objectives.
5. Review of BPAC Open House (and potential action items).
6. Bike parking condition and proposal for Mead Park.
7. Bike licensing revisited and Bike Friendly Community recommendation.
8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts - save the spring & fall dates.
9. Schedule next meeting.
10. Adjourn.

1. Call to Order.

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

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

Marlene Pohl complimented the committee on the recent Open House.

Trevor Roark raised the question of the mayor's decision to curtail Kyle's role as liaison to the committee. Kyle will still plan to attend every meeting and assist the committee as he is able, but he does have some higher priorities to which he must attend.

Trevor also discussed the possibility of holding BPAC meetings at the Idea Center (two blocks away) which is more wheel chair accessible and has bike parking. Tori pointed out some of the conveniences of meeting in the City Conference room, foremost among them convenience for staff attendance. This will be an agenda item in the future.

The Stevens Point Walking Map was highlighted and distributed. Portage County Can, Ministry Health Care, and the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau teamed up to produce the map.

3. Staff Update (RFQ for TAP grant; CN Railroad rails to trails update; Connect Communities; BPAC recommendation to follow PCCBPP for Prentice Street Reconstruct).

Kyle reported that the RFQ for TAP grant will be released in July. CN will be submitting an offer for a section of the trail in a couple of weeks. Kyle also invited BPAC to review chapters in the draft

Comprehensive Plan document. BPAC will hold a special meeting to review. Kyle also invites BPAC member to attend special Plan Commission meetings, the fourth Monday of the month beginning in April to review the document as well. Kyle mentioned he spoke with Joel Lemke about BPAC's recommendation that the PCCBPP Plan be considered for all new street projects, as some of the recommendations for the Prentice Street reconstruct has not followed all of the recommendations.

Item 6 was moved up in the agenda:

6. Bike parking condition and proposal for Mead Park.

The Mead Park parking expansion has not yet included the addition of bicycle parking as was part of the original plan. Tori Jennings expressed BPAC's desire to have APBP (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professions) approved bike hitches—inverted U's or Post and Ring. Parks Director Tom Schrader spoke about plans for the new bike parking. He proposes "Bike Docks" and has contacted SPASH about having their Welding classes fabricate and assemble them. Discussion of security and locks ensued. Tom encouraged the committee to view the video from theparkcatalog.com/uplift-bike-dock. Tori will check in with Madison to see what racks they are installing. Bill will check into what APBP thinks about these Bike Dock racks. Tom will provide us with information about the California city that has gone to these racks. Everyone agrees that we need to move away from "grid" racks or "school" racks or "wheel-bender" racks which do not offer adequate security (ability to lock) or bike protection.

4. Steps for creating street plan as part of 2017 goals and objectives.

The committee would like to see any city street action *automatically* be considered for Complete Streets criteria. The committee realizes that not all streets and projects can accommodate all of the recommendations, but they seek greater consideration of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan when new projects are undertaken.

5. Review of BPAC Open House (and potential action items).

Tori Jennings distributed an on-line survey to attendees, where 21 out of 100 in attendance replied. Tori shared the survey results document. There were many positive comments. The greatest concern was lack of space. She noted that they now have an expanded volunteer list. Marlene Pohl volunteered to offer on-site child care so young families can attend in the future.

7. Bike licensing revisited and Bike Friendly Community recommendation.

Trevor cited the BFC Feedback document encouraging BPAC to support the city repealing the law requiring bike licensing as BFC states licensing has "no discernable safety effect and did not generate revenue." Discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding pros and cons of licensing bicycles.

Motion by Bill Fehrenbach to recommend that BPAC not discuss bicycle licensing on future agenda items. Second by Trevor Roark. Motion Approved 3-0-0.

8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

National Documentation project dates for 2017 are May 15-21 and September 11-17. There was discussion of the difficulty conducting a count that week (finals and graduation impacting student

volunteers) or the week before or the week after, as well as discussion on the value of the data BPAC collects to see trends over time. Existing data is from September counts.

Motion by Trevor Roark for BPAC to continue with only a September Bicycle and Pedestrian Count. Second by Bill Fehrenbach. Motion Approved 3-0-0.

The September dates are in the week of September 11-17, 2017.

9. Schedule next meeting.

Wednesday, April 12, 9:00 a. m., City Conference Room.

Special meeting to review Connect Communities chapters will be scheduled in April.

10. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.