

# **AGENDA**

# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

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#### Members:

- o Trevor Roark
- Bill Fehrenbach
- o Michael O'Meara
- o Janis Borski

**Date and Time:** June 14, 2017 **Location:** City Conference Room

9:00 AM 1515 Strongs Avenue

Stevens Point, WI 54481

1. Call to Order.

- 2. Minutes and Actions from the May 11 regular meeting; and May 18, 2017 special meeting.
- 3. Persons who wish to address the committee for up to three (3) minutes on a non-agenda item.\*

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

- 4. Staff Update
- 5. Discuss content and photo contest for Portage County Library window display.
- 6. Discuss (and assign research tasks for) APBP bike parking standards and the creation of a Bike Parking Plan.
- 7. Discuss housing study and recommendation implications for bicycle & pedestrians access/equity/planning.
- 8. Schedule next meeting.
- 9. Adjourn.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance at this meeting.

#### REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 11, 2017 - 10:00 AM

City Conference Room 1515 Strongs Avenue - Stevens Point WI 54481

PRESENT: Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, and Michael O'Meara, Janis Borski STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Kearns (Associate Planner), Tori Jennings (1st Dist. Alder), Heidi Oberstadt (4th Dist. Alder), Mike Phillips (10th Dist. Alder), Michelle Bachaus (WI Bike Federation), Mayor Mike Wiza, Todd Kuckkahn (Portage County Business Council), Sara Brish (Stevens Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau), & John Pawlak (Point Area Bicycle Service).

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

- 4. Welcome new BPAC member Janis Borski.
- 5. Election of Chair & Vice Chair.
- 6. Staff Update.
- 7. Presentation and discussion on the economics of bike/pedestrian improvements with Michelle Bachaus from the WI Bicycle Federation.
- 8. Discuss content of Portage County Library window display.
- 9. Discuss and assign research tasks for APBP standards.
- 10. Schedule next meeting.
- 11. Adjourn.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order by Trevor Roark at 10:03 am.

12. Minutes and Actions from the April 7 special meeting; and April 19, 2017 regular meeting.

Motion by O'Meara to approve the minutes and actions of the meetings, second by Borski. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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

Trevor Roark informed the committee that the there is a possibility the City may be eligible to apply for a \$50,000 Cultural Corridor Consortium Grant and that he and Greg Wright (CREATE Portage County) may put a proposal together.

Trevor Roark gave a brief update on the success of last week's Main Street Parks event.

4. Welcome new BPAC member Janis Borski.

The Committee welcomed the new member.

5. Election of Chair & Vice Chair.

Motion by O'Meara to elect Trevor Roark Chair of BPAC, second Borski. Motion passed 4-0-0 Motion by Roark to elect Bill Fehrenbach as Co-Chair, second O'Meara. Motion Passed 3-0-0

6. Staff Update

Kyle Kearns had nothing to update BPAC on.

7. Presentation and discussion on the economics of bike/pedestrian improvements with Michelle Bachaus from the WI Bicycle Federation.

Michelle gave a presentation on the economic benefits of bike/pedestrian improvements. Having a pedestrian and bicycle friendly city helps the city to thrive. It helps to improve business, attract younger workers, and helps make the city a tourist destination. Both Todd Kuckkahn and Sarah Brish reiterated Michelle's points as they apply to our community.

There was a wide-ranging discussion including which mostly went to the subject of education. How to educate the general public to the availability of curriculums for elementary school students. There was also some discussion on bike share programs. John Pawlak said Point Area Bike Service is now offering bike rentals.

8. Discuss content of Portage County Library window display.

Tori Jennings is starting work on a window display at the Portage Co. Library in Stevens Point. She is thinking of a diorama with the theme "walking and biking are for everyone". Sara Brish knew of a large Green Circle backdrop she thought BPAC could use. Heidi Oberstadt mentioned the idea of having a photo contest for regular people.

9. Discuss and assign research tasks for APBP standards.

The discussion and assignment of research tasks for APBP standards was postponed.

Schedule next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be 9:00 AM June 14, 2017.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.

#### REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18, 2017 - 11:00 AM

City Conference Room 1515 Strongs Avenue - Stevens Point WI 54481

PRESENT: Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, Michael O'Meara, and Janis Borski STAFF PRESENT: Associate Planner Kyle Kearns, Alderperson Heidi Oberstadt, Sergeant Bob Kussow

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1. Call to Order.

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

- 2. Review Comprehensive Plan Draft Chapter 5: Utilities & Community Facilities
- 3. Review Comprehensive Plan Draft Chapter 6: Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources
- 4. Adjourn

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#### 1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M.

Motion by Mike O'Meara to add agenda item for persons to address the committee on non-agenda items, second by Janis Borski. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

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

Janis commented that minutes from prior meetings were not posted on city website.

Trevor distributed a zoning map with bike parking highlighted and suggested it as a future agenda item. Kyle summarized the existing bike parking zoning ordinance in the city for new businesses and expansion of existing businesses.

Bill mentioned a student statistics project studying fail rate at bike parking facilities in the city, comparing the fail rate at APBP-approved racks to non-APBP-approved racks. This could also be a future agenda item.

Mike asked that the wording "APBP-approved" be avoided in any ordinance recommendations, as this would preclude sculptural racks.

Janis asked if there have been complaints about businesses that do not have bicycle parking.

Sergeant Kussow commented that he put a speed monitor on Main Street in "ghost mode", so drivers did not know data was recorded, earlier this month (May 5). He recorded around 8600 vehicles and found the median speed to be 12.6 mph (in the 15 mph zone). 85% of vehicles were traveling 17 mph or less.

3. Review Comprehensive Plan Draft Chapter 5: Utilities & Community Facilities.

Kyle led a review of Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan Draft. The general concern is the lack of a "presence" of bicycle or pedestrian use in parks or bike and pedestrian trails. Many specific

items were mentioned and recorded by Kyle. Kyle encouraged other specific recommendations for wording be submitted to him.

4. Review Comprehensive Plan Draft Chapter 6: Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources.

Kyle led a review of Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan Draft. There was less concern about bike and pedestrian issues in this chapter.

5. Schedule next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 9:00 a.m., City Conference Room.

The Housing Study will go to the Plan Commission at its July meeting. Trevor encouraged BPAC members to be familiar with this study, as it impacts bike and pedestrian issues for the City.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.