

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Dist. Alder), Heidi Oberstadt (4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Alder), Mike Phillips (10<sup>th</sup> 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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1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes and Actions from the April 7 special meeting; and April 19, 2017 regular 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. 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.

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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 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.

10. Schedule next meeting.

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

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.