

REPORT OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

October 18, 2017 - 9:00 AM

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

PRESENT: Trevor Roark, Bill Fehrenbach, and Janis Borski

STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Kearns (Associate Planner), Michael Rottier (Assistant Police Chief)

ABSENT: Michael O'Meara

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1. Call to Order
2. 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:
3. Minutes and Actions from the October 11, 2017 meeting
4. Staff Update
5. Discussion on preliminary design of roundabout at the intersection of Northpoint Dr. & Business 51
6. Bike Parking Ordinance development
7. Discussion on Safe Routes to Schools prioritization.
8. Snow shoveling discussion.
9. Schedule next meeting.
10. Adjourn.

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairperson *Trevor Roark*

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

There were no persons who wished to address the committee on a non-agenda item.

3. Review and Approval of the Minutes of October 11, 2017 meeting

Motion by Bill Fehrenbach to approve the minutes; Seconded by Janis Borski. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Staff Update

Kyle Kearns reported that Stevens Point Common Council at the October 16th meeting approved the recommendation from BPAC for the order of consultants for the Tap Grant SOQs with strong support for Toole Design Group. Chairperson Roark and Vice Chairperson Bill Fehrenbach attended the Common Council meeting and spoke on behalf of BPAC. Next, the information will be sent to the State for review and possible approval.

5. Discussion on preliminary design of roundabout at the intersection of Northpoint Dr. & Business 51

A design of the proposed roundabout was distributed to everyone (ref: AECOM Project No. 60532234 – March 2017). A detailed review and discussion commenced. The committee discussed the pros and cons using the roundabout thru the eyes of pedestrians, individuals with disabilities, bicyclists, automobiles and other motorized vehicles. Traffic flow at peak times including traffic from the Stevens Point Area High School (SPASH) and Sentry Insurance was discussed. Assistant Chief

Michael Rottier reminded us that continued education through various media on the use of the roundabout needs to take place as was successfully done for the rapid flash beacon (RFB) crossing at the intersection of Division St. & Franklin St. There may be some confusion for a while with lane usage, flow, and direction. It was suggested to encourage landscaping of the roundabout.

The committee generally supported the roundabout, but there was concern if the roundabout was a 2 lane design throughout. The design did not demarcate the lanes within the circle and Kyle Kearns suggested that this would be a 2 lane design based upon width.

Chairperson Roark said that he would follow up with the Public Works Director on the number of lanes throughout and the design standards used by AECOM for this design.

6. Bike Parking Ordinance development

The committee decided to continue this complicated and lengthy discussion on the City ordinance for bike rack designs, requirements, and placement. A review of different cities resulted in a decision to mostly follow the City of Madison Bike Rack Requirements. Handouts of these were provided to everyone.

The committee agreed that when we develop our own handout we would include a similar look – bike rack images that do and don't meet the design requirements.

Additionally, the City of Madison Chapter 28 Zoning Code Ordinance (Downloaded on August 22, 2014) was distributed to everyone for review and discussion. Chairperson Roark suggested we continue to also follow the recommendations of the American Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) - <http://www.apbp.org> and reference these recommendations as needed.

The committee also continued discussion on Bike Parking reviewing Stevens Point's current bicycle parking standards/ordinance (Chapter 23.01(14)(f) – Zoning Ordinance) and compare this to other city's standards. Additional issues addressed were bike racks to recommend and bike racks to phase out. Recommendations to various business and property owners for providing outside or possibly inside bicycle parking or bike corrals. Next, lengthy discussion took place on a) replacement parking ratio and/or 1 bike spot for every certain square footage, b) minimum and maximum parking spots for automobiles and bicycles, c) city business ordinances d) grandfathered property and businesses e) new businesses. The committee then specifically reviewed and discussed Item #4, Chapter 28, Madison Zoning Code Ordinance as it is possible to relate to Stevens Point ordinances.

In conclusion, Chairperson Trevor Roark volunteered to begin a draft ordinance recommendation based upon these 2 documents and the BPAC discussion for further review and discussion with the committee at upcoming meetings.

7. Discussion on Safe Routes to Schools prioritization

This agenda item was postponed until the next regular meeting.

8. Snow shoveling discussion

This agenda item was postponed until the next regular meeting.

9. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8th, 2017, 9am.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.