

CITY OF WAUSAU BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Time and Date: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall.

Members Present: Pat Peckham, Gary Gisselman, Paul Kage, Andrew Plath, Kevin Eichelberger, Dawn Follendorf

Others Present: Brad Sippel, Brad Lenz, Cord Buckner, Susan Schmidt, Tyler Wildman, Megan Wryzinski

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Welcome and introductions

Lenz called the meeting to order in absence of a chair at 4:00 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Approve minutes of March 26, 2018 meeting

Motion by Gisselman/Eichelberger to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on committee membership

Lenz reminded the committee that Brodek resigned. Dawn Follendorf is retiring after this meeting and will be replaced by Tyler Wildman. Peckham and Gisselman have been reappointed. Kevin Eichelberger and Paul Kaczmarowski are new appointees.

Discussion and possible action on the election of a committee chair

Lenz is filling in as interim chair until a new chair is elected. Lenz overviewed the duties of the chair. The committee deferred action until a later date.

Discussion and possible action on new phase of decorative bicycle racks

Lenz provided some history on previous phases of decorative bike racks. Sippel provided background regarding this phase of bike racks with Wausau West High School and Northcentral Technical College. Sippel updated the committee that a prototype had been made by NTC and production would be finishing soon.

Update on Open Streets Wausau

Sippel said Andy Lynch was planning to be here to provide an update on Open Streets Wausau, but had to schedule another meeting for the same time and could not make it. Sippel said there was not an Open Streets event planned for 2018.

Discussion on national bike month activities

Sippel overviewed some of the activities occurring for national bike to work week and national bike month. He talked about the Bike to Work with the Mayor event and Bike to Work Week on May 14-18. The event would follow the same format as previous years. A new location on the south west side of the City that could meet up with people that commute in from Rib Mountain was discussed.

Discuss citywide street and sidewalk areas of concern

Eichelberger mentioned some of the main bike lanes have not been swept yet and are full of sand. He said

his neighborhood street has already been swept but thought it should be a higher priority to sweep some of the thoroughfare bike lanes. Wildman suggested some pedestrian crossing signage could be helpful at the River Edge Trail where it crosses River Drive.

Plath asked if it was possible to extend the River Edge Trail under the Stewart Avenue bridges on the west side of the Wisconsin River. Sippel believes he recalled engineering looked at that and there wasn't enough vertical clearance. Plath mentioned the bridge crossing of the Scott Street and Washington Street bridges that was discussed a few months prior. Sippel said they did a speed study at the crossing and can follow up on the status of that.

Future items for consideration

Election of a committee chair will be on the next agenda. Lenz said if anyone has anything to bring it up to staff before the next meeting.

Future meeting date

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is next scheduled to meet on Memorial Day, so staff will look at options to hold it before or after the meeting, or cancel the May meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Plath/Follendorf to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.