



Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 5:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Wes Enterline, John Sotherland, Jodi Simek, and Daniel Currier. Absent: Traci Wilson
Staff: Eric Boettcher and Brian de la Torriente
Citizens: Earle Young, Brienne Brown

2. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2021:

Simek Made the motion to approve minutes. Second by Enterline. Ayes: Enterline, Sotherland, Simek and Currier. Noes: None. Abstain: None

3. Consent Agenda

4. Hearing of Citizen Comments:

Earl Young – Here to observe committee and see what is going on.
Brienne Brown – Here to help and observe.

5. Staff Reports: None

6. Old Business

Currier commended the 2013 committee members from 2013 on the work put in to the bike and pedestrian plan.

6A. Bike and Pedestrian Plan History

Boettcher – The Main Street project was never done, but there is a plan to do it. There was an approved scaled down version due to cost. What are ways to slowly get the project done? Trying to get grant funding to implement the plan. The currently trail map plan is not user friendly. Looking for something more tangible. Possibly something that can fold up so people can take it with them.

Currier – the current map doesn't concentrate specifically on Whitewater but more so the whole area. Need a map that shows bike friendly streets, bike racks, stores and places for people to walk.

Sotherland – Is there a way to scale down current map? Can it being taken another step to make it user friendly on phones?

Boettcher – Some issues with phones is signal is lost. A physical map might be nice to give to someone.

Sotherland – If still using printed maps, is there a way to print out sections of the map?

Boettcher – We can work with GIS to see if map can be broken in to sections.

Brown – Would it be worth re-writing the grant?

Boettcher – Now that there is a committee, it would be worth it.

Currier – Pocket maps would be nice.

Brown – Suggested to have both printable and virtual maps.

Currier – Would UWW be willing to work with the City of Whitewater on making one map and share the cost?

Enterline – Would be happy to show amenities on map.

Sotherland – Cost is important, but more things added to the map would make it hard to get everything on the map.

Brown – Maybe add recreation bike paths on the other side of map.

Sotherland – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation offers booklets of state trails that are detailed and currently printed. Maybe add some detail to show other roads not on map.

Simek – If possible, add expected bike etiquette so everyone is on the same page to make sure this mode of transportation runs smoothly.

Enterline – Who manages the current map?

Boettcher – Community Development

Enterline – Suggested to use current map as a good starting point and clean it up and send it to the committee. Get people off Main Street to clear it up a bit.

Currier – Any time a street is redone, can bike lanes be added? If so, should a new map be created?

Boettcher – The issue with adding bike lanes is it takes time and money to paint them.

Currier – Suggested doing signs instead of painting.

Enterline – Added that the designation of bike lanes should be consistent that the City and UWW can agree on.

Currier – Suggested the committee reconvene and talk more about the project.

7. Future Items

Brown – Look at statistics of people hit by cars and prioritize intersections where accidents happen most. Put together proposal and brainstorm.

Currier – Would like to see semi-trucks off of main street and go around.

Sotherland – Is there correlation between accidents and time of day? Is so, can there be police presence during those times?

Currier – Suggested more blinking lights at crosswalks.

Young – Suggest that officers issue more tickets to cars that go through blinking lights to show the community cares about pedestrians.

8. Adjournment

Enterline made motion to adjourn meeting. Second by Simek. Ayes: Enterline, Currier, Simek and Currier. Noes: None. Abstains: None

8. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, April 28th, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Brian de la Torre