



Park Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	March 15, 2023
Agenda Item:	Combining Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee with Parks and Recreation Board
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee was created in 2021 to allow for a subcommittee to work on specific projects that affect our trails, sidewalks and streets. The committee has met a handful of times over the years and provided follow up to the City's Park Board and the Public Works Committee. The Parks and Recreation Board can absorb Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee. Currently, the Parks & Recreation Board is responsible for operation and maintenance of parks, facilities and activities. The Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee provides guidance to the Parks & Recreation board on bicycle and pedestrian related issues. Parks and Recreation can determine bicycle and pedestrian related issues without an advisory committee. The Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee struggles to find community members who are willing to sit on the committee. If the Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee is absorbed, Parks and Recreation board is responsible for providing a balanced transportation network that offers viable alternatives to driving. Parks and Recreation will also enhance the pedestrian environment throughout the community. Parks and Recreation would continue to assist in the operation and maintenance of parks and facilities as well as strive to make the community of Whitewater a highly navigable city for pedestrians and bicyclers alike. If any issues involving street sides the Parks and Recreation Board will relay the information to the Public Works Committee. The Parks and Recreation Board can decide for itself if they would create a subcommittee to keep the issues of the pedestrian and bicycle network of the City of Whitewater up to date and accounted for.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

NA

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Parks and Recreation Board absorb the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)
