



Minutes of BPAC Meeting, July 13, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, July 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Room B190 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Members Present: Sandy Sechrest, John Boland, Bob Fisher, Mike Henderson, Ginny Loehr, Peter Fletcher, Tim Acklin. **Members Excused:** Bill Ferguson, Tim Tiber, Ed West. **Others Present:** Matt Gallager, Rachel Hazuga, Tim Keneipp, Michael Barreyro, Obbie Hill, Steve Flottmeyer, Jackie Eastwood.

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2009 Meeting:

John Boland called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Mike Henderson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 meeting. Sandy Sechrest seconded. All were in favor.

2. The addition of Rachel Hazuga to the BPAC:

Rachel Hazuga introduced herself and provided some background on her interest in biking and walking. She stated she was involved in Pioneering Healthy Communities and works in health education.

Mike Henderson motioned to approve the addition of Rachel Hazuga to the BPAC board. Sandy Sechrest seconded. All were in favor.

John Boland suggested that we limit any additional members to representatives of the member communities. Jackie Eastwood stated that she had spoken with Mayor Giese and Mike Henderson will be the official representative for Onalaska. Jackie continued to say that Tom Faella asks the Policy Board members every year for community representatives.

3. Traffic calming:

John Boland asked Matt Gallager to speak on the City of La Crosse's traffic calming policy because he felt this is something that could be integrated into the update of the bicycle plan

Matt Gallager summarized the traffic calming measures discussed in his report, *Traffic Calming Report and Policy Guide*. The report was compiled at the request of the Common Council because the city has no formal policy on traffic calming. The Institute of Traffic Engineers is gathering best practices from communities.

Matt stated that traffic calming encompasses a combination of horizontal and vertical deflection measures designed to slow traffic through self enforcement. It is not traffic management or traffic control. One process the City uses for determining whether or not a traffic calming measure is warranted is to 1) investigate the need (often generated by a request from a member of the public or the council); 2) survey the public interest; and 3) study the feasibility. Matt stated that roadways recommended for bicycle treatments as well as safe routes to school could be given priority for traffic calming measures.

The report has been filed with the council, but the engineering department has no mechanism to enforce the guide since it has not been codified. The engineering department makes administrative decisions as to where to install a traffic calming treatment.

4. Roadway treatments for La Crosse corridors:

Jackie Eastwood stated that because the BPAC was so instrumental in the development of the 1994 bicycle plan, she wants to gain input from BPAC members and staff to review new recommendations before making them available to the public. She stated that last week's informal meeting was very good and helped fill in some gaps. Comments from the meeting were used to modify the maps and summary, which were subsequently e-mailed out to the board

members. If there are no additional comments, the modified maps and summary will be posted to the LAPC Web site and will be presented at two public meetings: the first meeting will occur on Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the north La Crosse library on Kane St; and the second meeting will occur on Wednesday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Main St library in La Crosse.

5. Updates and information items:

Tim Acklin stated that the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the BNSF Railroad, the Enterprise Ave/Oak St intersection, and Oak St projects will not begin until 2010 because the engineering department wants to complete the projects at the same time.

Mike Henderson stated that the Onalaska City Council voted 3 to 2 for the construction of a roundabout at the Sand Lake Rd / Rider's Club Rd intersection. He voiced some concern with the roundabout being able to accommodate bicyclists acting as pedestrians, especially those with trailers. The islands would not be wide enough to provide refuge for a bicycle that is longer than the traditional bike.

Tim Acklin notified the board that the City of La Crosse was awarded stimulus funding for the enhancement application to improve the shoulder along STH 35 between Calvert Rd and Southern Bluffs Elementary.

6. Future Agenda Items:

None brought forth.

7. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:

Mike Henderson motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Sandy Sechrest seconded. All were in favor.