



Minutes of BPAC Meeting, June 14, 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee held on Monday, June 14, 2010 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: John Boland, Ginny Loehr, Ed West, Sandy Sechrest, Bob Fisher, Tim Acklin, Bill Ferguson.

Members Excused: Dave Conklin, Rachel Hazuga. **Members Absent:** Tim Tiber, Charley Weeth, Peter Fletcher **Others Present:** Paul Wydeven, Jack Zabrowski, Deena Murphy, Michael Barreyro, Jackie Eastwood, Tom Faella.

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2010 Meeting:

Ed West motioned to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting. Bill Ferguson seconded. All were in favor.

2. Projects to recommend for Transportation Enhancement (TE) and/or Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program (BPFP) funding:

Jackie Eastwood introduced Jack Zabrowski as the County's new bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. He was hired by the La Crosse County Health Department as a health educator. His position is funded through an ARRA grant.

John Boland stated that the BPAC would now work to implement the bicycle plan. One aspect of that is to recommend to the communities projects the BPAC feels are critical to the bicycling network and are recommended to be submitted for TE/BPFP funding. The most critical link is the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the BNSF rail yard. This project has been in the works for more than 10 years and has received about \$700,000 in TE funds; however, the cost of the project has increased and is now estimated to be around \$1.5M. Tim Acklin stated that the City plans to use the reimbursements from the Northside Connector and Dairyland Trails as the local share for the bridge. Mr. Acklin will talk to John Duffe at WisDOT to see if the City can apply for another TE grant to fund the inflated costs.

Deena Murphy provided an overview of Onalaska's Waterfront Master Plan. It consists of four parts to include development of the waterfront, the tourism center, redevelopment of the 35 corridor, and streetscaping of STH 35 between Locust St and Oak Forest Dr. The City plans to submit an application for the streetscaping so that the project can be completed at the same time as the DOT's reconstruction of STH 35.

John Boland stated that he would like to see the sidewalk between the Monegan Overpass and La Crosse St widened and a barrier installed on the overpass, especially now that the City of La Crosse has striped La Crosse St.

In response to a question regarding the Wagon Wheel Trail, Tom Faella stated that phase one of the Wagon Wheel Trail—which involves constructing a trail along the dike—will begin in 2011. La Crescent will not submit an additional TE grant applications for phase two (trail along Shore Acres Rd) in 2010. Phase three involves constructing bicycle/pedestrian bridges over TH 14/61 at the west and east ends of the trail.

Tim Acklin stated that the City of La Crosse is considering submitting applications for 1) widening the VIP Trail to 10 feet and extending it to the Gund Brewery Lofts; 2) constructing the Black River Trail, which has been submitted in previous years; and 3) paving the unimproved trail between Festival Foods and Monitor St.

3. Bike plan implementation:

An initial task for implementation is to decide on the signage style and naming convention for the regional route system. John Boland recommended using the signage styles recommended in the bike plan and to use even numbers for east-west routes and odd numbers for north-south routes, with gaps between the numbers to allow for future routes. For example the even routes would be 2, 6, and 10, allowing for the addition of routes 4 and 8 if needed.

4. Updates and information items:

John Boland informed the committee that the La Crosse Common Council voted to approve the sidewalk on the south side of Enterprise Ave. He addressed the Council on Tuesday, June 8 advocating for the sidewalk.

Jackie Eastwood suggested that Jack Zabrowski, as the La Crosse County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, be considered for membership to the BPAC.

Ed West motioned to include Jack Zabrowski as an official member of the BPAC; Tim Acklin seconded. All were in favor.

Jackie Eastwood invited everyone to attend a community meeting on June 23 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Tandeski Center, Minnesota Southeast Technical College, 1200 Storr's Pond Rd, Winona, MN.

Jackie also invited everyone to attend a training session on Safe Routes to School, TE, and BFPF to be held on Thursday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. in room B190 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center.

5. Future Agenda Items: None suggested.

6. Other business; Adjourn; Next meeting TBA:

Bob Fisher motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; Bill Ferguson seconded. All were in favor.