



La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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Minutes of LAPC Meeting, June 1, 2011

Minutes of the meeting of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 3220 of the La Crosse County Administrative Center, 400 4th St N, La Crosse.

Members Present: Nancy Proctor, Village of Holmen; Timothy Candahl, Town of Shelby; Roland Bogert, Town of Onalaska; Mike Giese, City of Onalaska; Tara Johnson for Steve Doyle, La Crosse County; Mike Poellinger, City of La Crescent;. **Members Absent:** Scott Johnson, Town of Campbell; Dennis Manthei, Village of West Salem; Matt Harter, City of La Crosse; Linda Seidel, Town of Medary. **Others Present:** Jai Kalsy, Greg Paulson, Don Smith, Paul Wydeven, Jean Meyer, John Boland, Sue Howe, Larry Kirch, Jack Zabrowski, Michael Hoelker, Karl Green, Sidney Scheurle, Sig Scheurle, Mark Seitz, Dick Granchalek, Anne Morse, Sandy Thompson, Dave Conklin, Tim Keneipp, Drew Neve, Jason Gilman, Abby Cooper, Rod Burns, Terry Ward, Jill Miller, Jill Billings, Peter Schaettle, Jeff Bernardy, Ed West, Sean Dwyer, Gregory Husmann, Reggie McLeod, Tom Faella, and Jackie Eastwood.

Call to Order: Nancy Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes of the May 18, 2011 LAPC Meeting:

Mike Poellinger motioned to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting; Mike Giese seconded. All were in favor.

2) Public hearing on planning for bicycle/pedestrian accommodations on the I-90 Dresbach Bridge across the Mississippi River:

Nancy Proctor stated that the LAPC had received a number of letters in support of Resolution 5 - 2011. Copies of the letters will be available at the LAPC office. Ms. Proctor then invited attendees to speak regarding the Dresbach Bridge project.

The following 15 attendees made statements: Jason Gilman on behalf of the planning department at the City of Onalaska, Sig Scheurle, Sydney Scheurle, Anne Morse, Don Smith, Gregory Husmann, Jack Zabrowski, Jeff Bernardy, Karl Green on behalf of the Harbor Commission, Tim Keneipp, Jill Billings, Reggie McLeod, Larry Kirch, Sue Howe, John Boland. All of the statements were in favor of designing/providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into the I-90 Dresbach Bridge. Statements ranged from issues with the public process, to a need for a direct commuter route to French Island, to recognizing the health and economic benefits of having an accommodation. No statements were made nor letters received that opposed bicycle/pedestrian accommodations on the replacement I-90 Bridges. Nancy Proctor noted the letters of support were received from: Bill Soper, YMCA; Mayor Harter, City of La Crosse; Kevin Hardman, Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin; Marvin Wanders for Human Powered Trails and 360 Real Estate; and Dorian Grilley, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota.

Nancy Proctor asked Greg Paulson and Jai Kalsy of Mn/DOT if they would like to respond to the statements. Greg Paulson stated that Mn/DOT seriously considered bicycle and pedestrian accommodations during the planning process through a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The TAC consisted of technical experts and the PAC consisted of agency, stakeholder and municipal representatives. Due to cost and other factors, Mn/DOT has determined that it is unfeasible to include design, engineering and construction for a future accommodation.

Policy Board members questioned Mr. Paulson, stating that Mn/DOT had used an inadequate public process and that the DOT was being short-sighted. Mike Poellinger stated that most of the frustration comes from the exclusion of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations promised for the TH 14/61 / MN 16 intersection and the deferment of the Wagon Wheel Trail project until 2013.

3) Resolution 5 - 2011 Dresbach Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Accommodations:

Mike Poellinger motioned to adopt Resolution 5 - 2011 supporting the design of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations into the I-90 Dresbach Bridge; Tara Johnson seconded; Roland Bogert excused. All were in favor.

4) Other business; Director's report; Adjourn; Next meeting to be announced:

Mike Poellinger motioned to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; Timothy Candahl seconded; Mike Giese and Roland Bogert excused. All were in favor.