



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday June 10, 2010 6:00 PM  
Elm Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Stewart Frescas, and Nick Harby

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.**
- 2. Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 13) which were posted to the WLBPC web site on May 22. None were noted.
- 3. News of developments since the last meeting:**

A CPC meeting held May 25 to discuss the current revised Transportation Improvement Plan. Curt was unable to attend so there was no report. The TIP is on the APC Transportation Planning web site.

Curt reported that there was news that the City of West Lafayette Development Department has instigated a study by the APC of changing the unified zoning ordinance (UZO) specifications (primarily parking requirements) to allow additional high density development in the Village area. While no one was against this, there is a possibility that the bicycle parking requirements of the UZO may be open to revision at the same time. There was a discussion in which a sentiment was expressed that it would be a good thing to have a zoning ordinance which was more aggressive in its specification of bicycle parking. Curt will discuss this with Carl Griffin who is on the APC and let the Committee know in a timely manner, especially if any public meetings are scheduled.

During the discussion of bicycle parking Curt mentioned that the UZO only affects new building, not existing building. As a result it cannot be used as a way to motivate current business owners to provide bicycle parking. Some other strategy will be needed to do that. This is a project which has some support and interest of others (including Pat Boling), so it will become a new project of the Committee. Perhaps a strategy for this can be developed over the summer.

Also during the discussion of bicycle parking, Nick mentioned that as bicycling becomes more popular, bicycle parking that exists now will become full and need to be expanded. Since this is an expensive thing to do as a retrofit, one way to extend the life or capacity of existing parking is to remove the abandoned bicycles more often. Stewart indicated that he had read of a great method for doing this developed in the Netherlands that involves an adhesive plastic sticker (the size of a bumper sticker) that the authority inscribes with the date and wraps it around the wheel and frame to provide adequate notice of intent to impound. Curt mentioned that this doesn't seem to be an issue in this area yet, though it could be needed within the next couple of years in the downtown areas and near public buildings and other businesses, given the relatively small amount of bike parking available.

Others news – by participants present:

No other news was provided by participants.

#### **4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions**

Nick Harby mentioned two things. First was that the sidewalk on the SR 26 bridge over the Wabash River was closed for some sort of work, and he wondered when that would be completed. Curt said he would check into it. Secondly, Nick suggested that the City Bus Trolley line buses that are styled like trolleys be installed with bike racks. He said that like, which runs frequently, often has both regular buses and trolley buses and if you want to use your bike that the Trolley line, it would be more convenient if all the vehicles used on that line had bike racks.

#### **5. Project Reports (with activity)**

CLEAN Community Challenge – Curt reported that Thomas Easterly, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, will present the CLEAN City recognition (a plaque and road sign) to West Lafayette at 11AM on June 15 in City Hall.

WLBPC web site – The initial version of the site was launched on May 20. Most comments have been favorable. There are many plans for expanding the content while keeping the news and events fresh. Curt plans to have many of these additions completed by the end of this summer.

Bike to work day – This was discussed briefly, as Pat Boling was absent from the meeting. The event went very well, and was attended by 40 to 60 people. The only problem was a flakey PA system, so it will serve as a great base to build upon next year. It is hoped that the web site can offer a good way to help with building the event and bicycle commuting.

Curt indicated that he has initiated discussions with others about bringing LAB sanctioned bicycle safe riding training, including commuter training to the local area. This will become a new project of the committee. However, doing this initially will require some small amount of funding (one or two hundred) and Curt asked anyone with an idea for funds for this or any other interest in it to contact him.

#### **6. Upcoming meetings:**

The next scheduled APC CPC meeting will be June 22 (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM in the County Office Building. Since there was a meeting in May, the June meeting may be cancelled.

The next WL Traffic Commission meetings are at 5:00pm on Tuesdays June 15, July 20, and August 17 in the WL City Hall

The next APC Technical Transportation Meetings are at 2pm on Wednesdays July 14, August 11, and September 8 in the County Office Bldg.

#### **7. Other business and announcements**

There was a discussion of when to hold the next meeting of the committee, in July, August, or September. It was decided that since attendance is low in the summer it would be best to skip July and August. So the next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

#### **8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm**

These minutes were submitted by email on June 12, 2010 by Curt Ashendel.