



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 9, 2010 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Sarah Hubbard, and Nick Harby

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.**
- 2. Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (June 10) which were posted to the WLBPC web site on June 12. None were noted.
- 3. News of developments since the last meeting:**

A CPC meeting held July 27 to discuss the list of construction projects scheduled to start this year. Curt noted that this includes phase 1 of the Wabash Heritage Trail Extension to Happy Hollow Park and the entire US231 bypass from S. River Road to US52, which will have a major impact on infrastructure planning, vehicle traffic patterns in and around West Lafayette and will include and impact on off road trails as well as popular on-road bike routes west of the City.

Curt reported that he met with Carl Griffin, who is on the APC and David Buck, the City Engineer about proposed changes to the unified zoning ordinance (UZO) concerning a new land use class targeting high density development in the Village, Levee, and campus areas. The amendment in its original form would have unintentionally eliminated the bike parking requirement for businesses in the area affected, so the solution was to modify it to delegate the requirement to the City Engineer for each new business in this area. David Buck then requested help from the WLBPC in recommending guidelines for bike parking requirements for new businesses in this area. This was discussed, with a strategy formulated to start by looking at other communities' requirements. This will become a new project of the committee with an expected completion time in the next 3 to 6 months.

Big Ten Peer Exchange. This group gathered data about bicycle and pedestrian facilities and mode share in all cities with a Big Ten university (main campuses). The WLBPC helped the City gather some of the data for West Lafayette. The data were compiled and analyzed by Scott Robinson of Bloomington City Planning and Development office, who provided them to City Engineer David Buck who in turn shared them with the WLBPC. The [data](http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Documents/2010/BigTenSummary.pdf) (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Documents/2010/BigTenSummary.pdf>) and [analysis](http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Documents/2010/BigTenStatistics.pdf) (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Documents/2010/BigTenStatistics.pdf>), which also contains 2000 Census mode share and commuter count data, were distributed at the meeting. These were discussed, and Curt noted that the 2000 census mode share in WL was 1.71% which was much higher than Lafayette (0.5%) and was 4th lowest of the 13 cities surveyed, and a little below the average of 2.19%. The budget and facilities in WL showed that WL has done a great job, for its size, in providing for cyclists and pedestrians (compared to the other cities in this analysis). Much of the improvements have occurred since the 2000 census was taken and it will be extremely interesting to see the mode share in the 2010 census.

Others news – by participants present:

Nick mentioned the recent emphasis on pedestrian crossing safety by police and that it seems to have resulted in better driver behavior at those marked crosswalks as well as a heightened general interest in pedestrian safety. He suggested that Purdue or the City might want to consider crossing guards.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

No problems were raised.

5. Projects

These were not discussed

6. Upcoming meetings:

The next scheduled APC CPC meeting likely will be held on September 28 (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM in the County Office Building.

The next WL Traffic Commission meetings are at 5:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the WL City Hall

The next APC Technical Transportation Meetings are at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the County Office Bldg.

7. Other business and announcements

The next meeting of this committee will be November 11th at 6pm.

8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm

These minutes were submitted to the website on November 11, 2010 by Curt Ashendel.