



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday April 14, 2011 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (February 17, 2011) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on February 12, 2011. None were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting:

There was an APC CPC meetings held March 22 – Curt was not able to attend, but only the Transportation Improvement Plan was be discussed.

Seminar by Mia Birk in Indianapolis Feb 28th. – Curt and Stewart attended and reported this was a fine talk and contained a lot of useful wisdom as well as being highly motivating.

US 231 INDOT informational meeting held April 4 – Curt reported briefly on this presentation, which was about contractor prep work and sequencing. The most notable impact for cyclists is that Lindberg Rd at the interchange will be closed to traffic during a 90 day period during the summer of 2012.

Happy Hollow Road Improvements public meeting held April 12. Curt reported that the focus of this meeting was to present a consultant's "vision" of the improvements. The principal improvement will be curbs and gutters with better drainage and a wide multiuse path on the west side from River Road to Navajo. Additional public meetings will be held as plans firm up for these improvements. Additional comments can be sent to the consultant or WL City Engineer David Buck.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

- a. Snow removal from sidewalks – Action plan by Curt was presented. It is appended to these minutes.
- b. Protecting vulnerable road users from motor vehicles with irresponsible or inattentive drivers – most of the meeting was devoted to this discussion, though it produced no resolution. The final status at the end of the discussion was that Curt will work on this and try to develop a strategy for action.
- c. No other problems were presented

5. Projects Only projects with activity were discussed

- a. Bill reported on Bike to work day which will be Friday May 20, 2011, meeting at the Gazebo in Tapawingo Park at 7AM. There will be food and a proclamation and politicians. The posters will be ready May 18 and Stewart will help post them.

6. Upcoming meetings:

The normal scheduled date for the next meeting of the APC Citizens Participation Committee's (CPC) will be Tuesday May 24 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the County Office Bldg, 20 N. Third Street, Lafayette. However, the meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

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 Thursday, May 12th at 6pm.

The WL Bike-Ped Committee is normally scheduled to meet the second Thursday of every other month beginning in January. However, Curt postponed the January meeting until February, and he will not be able to hold the meeting March 10th, so that is also postponed until April 14th. The regular schedule resumes in May, with meetings scheduled for May 12, July 14, September 8, and November 10.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

These minutes were submitted to the website on July 13, 2011 by Curt Ashendel.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks in West Lafayette: Action Plan

By Curt Ashendel

April 14, 2011

I. Prepare a convincing, succinct, and coherent description of the problem to convince others that change is needed to obtain the improved snow removal to keep the transportation system usable by all of its users.

II. Identify what about snow removal needs to change.

III. Plans for facilitating this change

- A. Make initial contact and discussions with Mayor Dennis and possibly David Downey at the Street Department and Purdue Grounds Director.
- B. Gather and organize relevant data
 - i) Number of snow plow “days” or “runs” each season for as many seasons as there are records (City and/or Purdue). If possible, identify number of exceptionally heavy snow accumulation events.
 - ii) Cost estimates for (1) purchase and maintenance of snow brushes and other equipment useful for snow removal from walks; (2) snow removal from walks operational costs (per hour) and estimates for number of hours of operation needed per mile of sidewalk.
 - iii) Number of miles of sidewalk within City limits, with segments identified by current responsibility (private adjacent property owner, INDOT – both current and future, Tippecanoe County, WLSC, City of WL), type of road (artery versus local road), and if near schools (including Purdue), libraries, businesses or government offices.
- C. Identify viable proposals for implementation and identify their priority (first choice versus alternative plans) for lobbying for adoption, and determine the steps needed for adoption (administrative action or council resolution or ordinance).
- D. Identify supporters on City Common Council and/or City administration
- E. Lobby for adopting the first choice plan to improve the situation, and failing that, lobby for one of the alternative plans.