



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

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

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

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (April 14, 2011) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 13, 2011. None were noted in the meeting.

### 3. News of developments since the last meeting:

CPC meeting May 24 – City of Lafayette Trail Master Plan (presented by Crystal Joshua) and Mapping Bicycle and Pedestrian Destinations (presented by APC staffer Doug Poad). Stewart is very interested in this being implemented ASAP, and asked that the WLBPC be kept in the loop.

LAB bicycle commuting instruction – John Thomas has arranged for this in Lafayette. Announcements forthcoming about details.

National budget cutting has potentially endangered US DOT funding in 2012 and future years for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

Also discussed were the status of several construction projects, including US231 (now in progress) and the Lindberg bridge (to be finished this summer).

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

a. Protecting vulnerable road users from motor vehicles with irresponsible or inattentive drivers: Plans for this were discussed by Curt, focusing on getting the state law changed to increase penalties for breaking existing law when the consequence is injury or death of a vulnerable road user. Those present concurred with this strategy.

b. Nick noted that the WL McDonalds does not provide bicycle parking but should.

c. Nick noted that twice this past week he found that the bike racks on the Bus he wanted to board were full, something that rarely occurred previously. This indicates increases in the number of multi-modal commuters.

d. Stewart asked who was in charge of removing the abandoned bikes locked up to racks in the WL village. Curt will look into this.

### 5. Projects Only projects with activity were discussed

a. Web site: Nick suggested a comment section be added.

## **6. Upcoming meetings:**

The normal scheduled date for the next meeting of the APC Citizens Participation Committee's (CPC) will be Tuesday July 26 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, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The WL Bike-Ped Committee is normally scheduled to meet the second Thursday of every other month beginning in January.

## **8. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm**

These minutes were submitted to the website on September 8, 2011 by Curt Ashendel

