



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 8, 2011 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Bill Arthur, Jim Bethel, Pat Boling, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin, 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 (July 14, 2011) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 8, 2011. None were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting:

CPC meeting July 27 – Curt will report

LAB bicycle commuting instruction was held Sept 16 and 17 – Any report?

There was a brief discussion of the developments at the national level threatening funding for transportation enhancements during debate of the extension of USDOT funding.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Pat raised the issue of the poor bicycle behavior of the Purdue students that is always a source of complaints at the start of the Fall semester. Several ideas were raised from having bicycling class offered for free to students to yelling at them (“teachable moment”), to getting the PU Bike Patrol into action. Pat thought that PUPD Chief Cox might be open to some form of effort.

5. Projects Only projects with activity were discussed (see the Agenda for the complete list.)

d. Bike to work day. Bill said that while there was a strong turnout of the local police and politicians, there was not a significant increase in cyclists this year compared to last, even though the event had similarly intense advertising and supporting contributions as the previous year. The steering committee admitted to frustration and some burnout and suggested that the steering committee needs new blood or an alternative event was needed to spark increased interest.

This led to an extensive discussion of ideas for new approaches to advocacy for cycling and pedestrians. Some of the ideas were:

- a) Celebrate the opening of the new off road trail being built (Wabash Heritage trail extension)
- b) Encourage a secondary bicycle (i.e., used) market, possibly by holding a bike swap event. Perhaps Boiler Green Initiative (a student environmental group) would be interested in sponsoring this. Stewart will talk with Zoe (Virtuous Cycles) about this.
- c) Invite Boiler Green Initiative to participate in this meeting
- d) Jim suggested someone teach bicycle repair at Morton Community Center.
- e) Encourage bicycle friendly businesses and their recognition.

Curt said he would work on a way to gather ideas and post them to the web site.

g. Possible new projects: Bicycle parking at businesses. Pat indicated support for this. Curt is interested as well.

6. Upcoming meetings:

The next meeting of the Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission has not yet been announced, but the next meeting normally would be scheduled to be held at 7PM Tuesday, September 27 in the Grand Prairie room of 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

Stewart mentioned that he is on the planning commission for the Centennial Neighborhood (in Lafayette), and that body is interested in getting bike lanes striped on Brown Street in Lafayette.

The next meeting of this committee will be Thursday, November 10th at 6pm.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

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