



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday November 10, 2011 6:00 PM  
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Pat Boling, Scott Davis, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin, and Nick Harby, Jim Haas, Joey Iuliano, and Heather Whitcomb. Pat introduced Scott as a member of the Bicycle club interested in advocacy issues and Heather introduced Joey as a graduate student in the Health & Kinesiology program who is doing his thesis research on the relationship between the built infrastructure and active living.

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (September 8, 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 September 27 – Curt reported that ideas for community outreach for input on the Bike-Ped plan were kicked around, including a community survey, attendance/presentations at various community organizations, and the CPC meetings.

LAB bicycle commuting instruction was held Sept 16 and 17 – Stewart reported that he and one other attended and that he thought he learned several very useful things and that he recommended it, especially for those with intermediate commuting experience.

There was a discussion of the new bridge on Lindberg Road which opened Oct 31. There were a large number of complaints about the narrowness of the travel lanes and the difficulty of crossing traffic to access the off road walk on the north side when traveling eastbound. Curt reprised the history of the project and how getting it done quickly without public input or adherence to standards was a political priority by the (then new) mayor. The result is that we are stuck for a generation with a bridge that provides substandard service for all users of the road. Pat suggested a letter to the editor of the newspaper or guest editorial be submitted on this topic and volunteered to steer that effort.

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

Nick indicated a concern about both debris (such as broken glass) and parked cars along North Grant Street. Carl indicated that the best solution for this is to contact the Neighborhood Resource Team at the WL Police Department and tell them about the issue. Their phone number is 775-5200.

### 5. Projects (new discussion at this meeting is in red)

- a. UZO (Unified Zoning Ordinance) may change to add a new High Density category to be used for WL Village development. We have been asked by the WL City Engineer to provide guidance for him about bicycle parking in this area to be provided by the new businesses. **While this proposed ordinance was put on the back burner for a while, Carl indicated that it may be coming back.**
- b. CLEAN city challenge: Survey of city employees about commuting mode, perceived obstacles to using alternative modes, and potential impact of incentives. **Curt reported that the accurate**

quantitative assessment of cyclists was not determined to be practical for the city employees. Joey said that the city of Tuscon AZ had a "Trail Count Day." Something similar was done on the Monon Trail in Indianapolis and was published by Greg Lindsey at IUPUI. Curt will be checking into this.

- c. Revised Bike-ped plan (old plan is [here](#)) and helping the APC with this. (See CPC report above)
- d. Bike to work day was held in May 2012 – Plans: Committee will be led by Scott Davis, but more helps is needed. If you are interested in helping him with ideas, effort, fundraising, please contact him at sdavis6425@hotmail.com
- e. Web site development: [www.westlafayettebikeped.org](http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org) – No verbal report, but Curt moved the site to a new – more reliable - hosting server and hopes to be making improvements soon.
- f. Snow removal from sidewalks Heather said that in Boston, a group called Walk Boston produced and distributed door hangers that reminded adjacent property occupants of the need to remove snow as well as thanking them for doing so. As a follow-up to the plan developed last winter, Curt has prepared a list of sidewalks in WL and Lafayette that he thinks should be high priority for this. A map and highlighter were circulated to mark any roads that people thought were important. This list is provided as the end of these minutes. Suggestions for additions/changes should be sent to Curt. Also Curt suggested a more aggressive/crazy response may be needed if the City does not start doing at least some snow removal from sidewalks.
- g. Possible new projects: (i)Bicycle route maps; (ii) bicycle parking at businesses, and (iii) plans for state roads that will revert to city ownership soon (Northwester, Cherry Lane, Soldier's Home Rd, State Street, Wiggins/Fowler, and Happy Hollow.) While these were not discussed, Nick suggested adding the Farm Heritage Trail within Tippecanoe County as another project.

## 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, November 22 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

The next meeting of this committee will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## 8. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

These minutes were submitted to the website on January 11, 2012 by Curt Ashendel

## High Priority Sidewalks for Snow Removal

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Highest priority sidewalks	Second priority sidewalks	Bike Lanes	Highest priority sidewalks	Second priority sidewalks
Cumberland Blvd. Grant Str. Fowler Happy Hollow Rd. Harrison The Harrison Bridge Kalberer Lindberg Rd Navajo Nighthawk Northwestern Ave Sagamore Pkwy Salisbury Str Soldiers Home Rd State Str The State Rd 26 Bridge Yeager Wiggins	Brown/Howard Chauncy Cherry Lane Indian Trails Kingston Meridian Quincy River Rd Williams	Grant Str Salisbury	Beck Columbia Concord Creasy Earl Eighteenth Ferry Fourth Greenbush Kossuth Main (W of Earl) McCarty Ninth Sagamore Pkwy Salem SR 26 E Third Teal Union Veterans Memorial Pkwy	Elmwood Erie Fifth Schuyler Second