



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 11, 2013 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Nick Harby, and Andy Hirsch.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 9, 2013) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 10, 2013 and also provided at this meeting. None were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- APC Citizens Participation Committee meeting held May 28, 2013. Curt reported that there were two presentations (TBird consultants about South 18th St. in Lafayette from CR 430S to Veterans Memorial Pkwy; and David Buck, WL Engineer, about Happy Hollow Rd reconstruction, which will begin in June 2014) as well as a short discussion about the INDOT highway suitability map for Indiana and the preliminary 2012 bicycle crash report for the county (there were no fatalities in 2012).
- WL ordinance on a Safe minimum distance for passing of bicyclists - Andy suggested that a public education effort will be needed on this to extend awareness past the initial news reports at the time of passage of the ordinance. He will try to get the ball rolling on this, possibly by suggesting signs be posted at the city limits.
- A cyclist was killed in hit and run accident during May on North 9th Street near Davis Ferry. No additional details were forthcoming at the meeting.
- There is considerable construction on Northwestern Ave, with new paths and sidewalks being added north of Lindberg and upgrading the facilities at that intersection as well. Also, similar resurfacing, curb, and sidewalk work has been active on Wiggins and Fowler. These are due to US231 completion late this year and subsequent handoff of a number of state roads to the City of West Lafayette.
- There has been work on resurfacing Grant as well, from Northwestern to Meridian and some improvement to the crosswalks and sidewalk ramps at the Stadium intersections.
- Margy Deverall (Economic Development Dept., City of Lafayette) indicated by email that the City is putting in a bicycle corral on Main Street and is considering establishing a program whereby businesses can request these corrals be installed to replace two on-street parking spaces.
- Brian Pohlar from the Chamber Hilltop to Hilltop committee on Good to Great Plan indicated by email that (a) John Fry at Ivy Tech is trying to get it certified as a bicycle friendly campus and (b) Mindy Paulet at Purdue is trying to establish a merchants bicycle rewards program to incentivize local merchants to encourage cycling. Both projects are underway.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

- Andy Hirsch indicated he is interested in getting a city ordinance to allow cyclists to comply with stop signs and rules by executing a "rolling stop". He will be researching this and those interested in helping should contact Andy.

5. Projects of the Committee (Only the following projects were discussed)

- a. Bike To Work Day (held May 17): The numbers of participants increased over previous years due to being held in two locations. The plan will be to continue more than one location next year. Curt is posting pictures taken and a synopsis on the WLBPC website.
- b. Bicycle Friendly Community application to League of American Bicyclists and Walking Friendly Community Application – Status: Curt has not begun work on this
- c. Counting cyclists and pedestrians to determine long term trends in commuting, including biking and walking to schools by schoolchildren. Status: Curt asked for volunteers to assist in the next count in early September and there was brief discussion of how many volunteers might be needed (probably just a handful, but this depends on the level of coverage of locations).
- d. List of problem intersections: Northwestern and Grant and Sagamore Parkway and Salisbury were mentioned.

Other projects, not discussed include Web site development, Snow Removal advocacy, Advocacy for bike safety legislation at the state level (increased penalties for injuring or killing a vulnerable road user), bike parking at businesses, bicycle friendly businesses, intercity trail development, guidance to the APC and City of West Lafayette on business bike parking in the land development code, and helping with preparing a revised bike-ped plan for the county.

6. Upcoming meetings:

- The next meeting of the Citizens Participation Committee of the Area Plan Commission has not yet been announced, but the meetings are normally scheduled every other month (starting in January) on the 4th Tuesday. If held according to this it would next meet on July 23, 2013 (though it was later changed to July 30.) They are usually at 7PM Tuesday in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building. (It turned out later that this was in the Commission meeting room.)
- The WL traffic commission meeting is held at 5pm on third Tuesday of each month in the WL City Hall lower level conference room.
- The APC technical traffic committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2PM in the West Lafayette City Hall lower level conference room.

7. Other business and announcements

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is September 12.

8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on September 11, 2013 by Curt Ashendel