



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 12, 2013 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (July 11, 2013) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 11, 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 was held July 30, 2013. Curt reported that the US231 will be opening shortly and that the agreed on transfer of streets to the City of West Lafayette from INDOT will happen. These include Soldiers Home Rd, Happy Hollow Rd, Cherry Lane, State Street, Northwestern Ave., Wiggins/Fowler, and River Rd from Wiggins/Fowler south. The INDOT letting list was also discussed, and this notably includes rehabilitation of the Myers Pedestrian bridge, including refurbishing the elevator and adding ADA-compliant ramps over the rail-corridor and down to the plaza, with a start date planned for Jan 15, 2014.
- WL ordinance on a safe minimum distance for passing of bicyclists – Education efforts. Stewart reported that Aaron Madrid with Bicycle Lafayette was working to get a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for TV prepared that will provide ongoing education about this.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

- No problems were indicated.

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

- a. Bike To Work Day (held May 17): Carl suggested holding a followup meeting to evaluate lessons learned and gather ideas for changes next year. He will work on making this happen. Curt is (still) posting pictures taken and a synopsis (both for 2012 and 2013) on the WLBPC website.
- b. Bicycle Friendly Community application to League of American Bicyclists and Walking Friendly Community Application – Carl is helping Curt on getting this started.
- c. Counting cyclists and pedestrians to determine long term trends in commuting, including biking and walking to schools by schoolchildren. Status: Curt is planning count locations for later this month and has developed a tentative method for analysis of the data.

Other projects, not discussed include Problem intersections, 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 Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 7PM in the Grand Prairie room of the County Office Building.
- 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 November 14.

8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on November 13, 2013 by Curt Ashendel