



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 9, 2015 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

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

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

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 7, 2015) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 8, 2015 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The [APC Transportation Planning](#) Citizens Participation Committee met on May 26, 2015. Curt reported that on presentations by Tippecanoe Hwy Dept on plans for Klondike and Lindberg Rd and by Dave Buck (WL) on reconstruction of Lindberg Rd and safety improvements currently being done on Northwestern Ave (to be completed by the start of Purdue's Fall semester). Also discussed was the INDOT 18 contract letting list, with the main item of note the new traffic signal at Cumberland and US231/US52.
- b. The accident causing severe injury to a bicyclist on the Harrison bridge May 29 and the June 6 "Taking the Lane Awareness ride" were discussed extensively. The discussion was led by Joe Kasper, who organized the ride. The driver involved was in custody and charged with violating the 3 foot rule. More than 100 signed up to ride in a lawful loop route crossing the bridge in both directions for 12 hours (8am to 8pm). There was substantial press coverage and the ride succeeded in increasing awareness. He also mentioned that there will be another Awareness ride on July 18th on 18th street, due to another cyclist accident there. In the context of this discussion, it was mentioned that it has been reported that in Chattanooga TN the police bike patrol have devices that measure the vehicle passing distance and were using that to ticket violators.
- c. Curt noted that the newspaper reported that a 52 year old male cyclist was killed in a hit-and-run accident with a vehicle in southern Warren County, just west of Covington.
- d. Bike to work day was discussed very briefly. Again this year it was rainy and there was poor turnout. Curt commented on the comparative turnouts for the Awareness ride versus Bike to Work day, noting that there is stronger turnout with emotion charged events compared to a relatively low-emotion annual celebration. Perhaps celebratory rides could and should be held when new infrastructure that adds safety is completed (as per suggestions from Mia Birk).

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Curt indicated that the bridge joint on the State Street bridge (WB) over the Wabash was again showing damage to the pavement.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

Bike to work day (see item 3d above)

6. Other business and announcements

- The next scheduled meeting of the APC CPC likely will be on Tuesday July 28 at 7:00 pm. (This was later cancelled.)
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday September 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBP website on September 9, 2015 by Curt Ashendel