



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday May 12, 2016 6:00 PM  
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Pat Boling, Stewart Frescas, and Carl Griffin.

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (March 10, 2016) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on March 11, 2016 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

### 3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Stewart discussed the last meeting of the APC Transportation Planning Citizens Participation Committee (held March 22, 2016). Along with the usual INDOT letting list, the main item of presentation and discussion was the Form Based Overlay Zoning method being proposed by the APC as a means to apply additional zoning rules in a neighborhood-specific manner, rather than just in a land-use category manner. This is intended to be used for the Lafayette Centennial Neighborhood and the New Chauncey Neighborhood in West Lafayette. While this is primarily thought to be useful for residential neighborhoods of particular historical significance there may be ways in which this may be applied to specific business districts in a manner that might be used for such issues as bicycle parking and pedestrian safety related to parking lots (i.e., parking lots in the rear, rather than in the front).
- b. Curt asked if anyone participated in the pedestrian counts being done around campus by the APC during April and May (no one present was involved). Curt reported seeing John Thomas helping Timothy Stroshine set up a camera based pedestrian counting system at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and North University.
- c. The continuing meetings about improving the safety of cyclists on the Harrison Bridge and throughout the cities (referred to by the name County-Cities-Cycling meetings) involved meetings on March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Curt was unable to attend either meeting, but they were discussed based on the minutes. Noteworthy was that there will be bike trails on both sides of State Street from Airport/McCormick to US231 and that there are some improvements still planned for the Harrison Bridge for bike-ped safety. Also, the \$37.5K funding for the education/outreach effort has picked up speed with the first round of this funding to begin with the new fiscal year (starts July 1.)
- d. Jim Bethel continued the past discussion of “Bike Sundays” (aka Open Road) by mentioning that Paris, France does this rather successfully.
- e. There was also some discussion about the recently improved chances of one or more bike-ped coordinators being hired at the County and municipalities. This follows Purdue’s hiring of Aaron Madrid as its Bike-Ped coordinator. Nothing is certain or specifically planned, but the county and cities are becoming increasingly interested in this. Note also that this would make it dramatically easier and more likely that both cities and possibly also the county would successfully apply for Bicycle Friendly City/County status from the LAB.

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

None were reported.

#### **5. Projects of the Committee discussed**

Plans for Bike to Work Day were discussed. Carl helped with getting the poster revised and printed, and Stewart helped getting them distributed. There will be one location, on the Myers Pedestrian Bridge (now open) and Mayor Tony Roswarski will be present along with representatives of WL and the County governments for the proclamation (Pat helped with this part). Refreshments and logistics as well as overall management (including donations, survey, and drawings) is being handled by Bicycle Lafayette.

#### **6. Other business and announcements**

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday May 24 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday July 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

#### **7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:56 pm**

*These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on July 12, 2016 by Curt Ashendel*