



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 14, 2016 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Stewart Frescas, Nick Harby, and Jan Myers.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 12, 2016) which were posted to the WLBPCC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 12, 2016 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. The May meeting of the APC Transportation Planning Citizens Participation Committee was cancelled.
- b. The WL Parks community survey for input to be used for the new Parks Master Plan was done during the winter and public meetings were held April 18 and 19 to explain the results and analysis of the survey. However, no one at this meeting attended and no one knew any of the survey results or conclusions from the analysis of the survey data.
- 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 May 20th and June 17th. Curt attended both meetings and reported that most of the time at the two meetings was focused on construction updates and the \$37,500 local+federal funding for a bicycle and pedestrian safety. The latter is a one year allocation for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2016, but the plan of the APC and the two cities is to fund this again next fiscal year. Funding for outlying years is anticipated but not yet decided. The City of Lafayette, Development Department's Margy Deverall will lead the project and is assisted by those in the CCC meeting group who are interested. Indeed, the CCC meetings (led by Opal Kuhl) have ceased and have been replaced by the Bike-Ped Safety project committee, which will be led by Margy. This group still discusses infrastructure and policy issues but is a bit more focused on how to use this funding to improve safety. The current plan is to use the first year of funding to develop a 3 year plan (using a consultant) and to generate some of the outreach materials and implement some of the outreach and education ideas.
- d. This summer continues to be the summer of road construction, with S. River Rd CSO and reconstruction project, the State Street Project, demolition and replacement of the Eastbound Sagamore Parkway Bridge, Happy Hollow Rd reconstruction, Sagamore Parkway East (Lafayette) reconstruction, Lafayette's Main Street streetscape improvements, and I-65 widening. While these larger projects are the most visible, there have been several smaller projects related to bike and pedestrian safety during this year. Notable among these (and now complete) is the staggered ped crossing for the trail at the intersection of Cumberland and Sagamore Parkway West (Does this have a no-right-on-red posting with ped button to "request for walk"?). Also notable is that Lafayette added some bike lanes to roads and that it is beginning the Beckingham trail project this summer and continues with the South 18th Street bike and ped improvements. Also underway is the building of the ADA/bike ramp west of the rail crossing on the Myers Pedestrian Bridge as well as finalizing the

public-private partnership to build the ramps on the east side as part of the new 101 Main Street building and promenade. Because of the funds and effort needed for these construction phases of these numerous projects, this summer there has been a slowdown in planning for future projects. These were identified at the meeting, but there was little discussion.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

- a. Jan indicated that there was a problem with the trails on both sides of the new US231/US52 west of West Lafayette in that they end abruptly at the north end prior to the end of US231 and they end at State Street on the south end. Curt indicated that the issue at the north end had been discussed previously and that this was a decision by INDOT when the road was constructed. Also at the south end, there will be trails built (as part of the State Street Project) along State Street from US231 and going east to campus. Jan was going to raise this issue with the INDOT District office.

- b. Nick commented that due to the bidirectional traffic on the remaining span of the Sagamore Parkway bridge over the Wabash River, crossing that bridge on bicycle going eastbound is very dangerous as there is no room for cyclists or pedestrians on the right of the eastbound vehicle travel lane. Westbound cyclists and pedestrians are unaffected by the bidirectional traffic, as the shoulder remains unallocated to traffic flow and provides ample room for cyclists and pedestrians. Signage may be needed to inform eastbound cyclists and pedestrians about this, but there is no easy solution. The bridge construction is slated to last two years.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

Bike to work day (held in May) was discussed. Stewart felt that the event organization was less than in past years and more effort in planning and logistics will be needed in future years. Also, due to the difficulty with no vehicles allowed on the pedestrian bridge, more thought was needed in how to deliver supplies (refreshments, give-aways, informational brochures) and infrastructure (tables, PA system) to the site, or else the site should be changed. Curt commented that there was not enough coffee (which quickly ran out) for the time period planned, and felt this likely was due to the lack of sufficient numbers of people with diverse perspectives being involved in the planning.

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday July 26 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday September 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on September 7, 2016 by Curt Ashendel