



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday December 8, 2016 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Bill Arthur, Amanda Estes, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin, Nick Harby, and Rose Kaczmarowski.

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

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (September 8, 2016) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on November 7, 2016 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 held meetings on September 27 and December 6, 2016. In the latter meeting the revisions to the long term plan (Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045) were extensively discussed. Possible strengthening the performance measures with respect to bicycling and walking was urged by Curt but was resisted by the APC. This impacts the how to implement change going forward. Curt will report on the CPC meetings and MTP discussion at the most recent meeting. There also needs to be a discussion about how this impacts our approach.
- b. The meetings about improving the safety of cyclists on the Harrison Bridge and throughout the cities (referred to by the name County-Cities-Cycling meetings) morphed into a committee focused on the \$37,500 safety education project involving a consultant. There will be a second meeting next week. The main deliverables in the first year, in addition to a detailed 3-year plan for this, will be some educational materials as well as a program name and logo.
- c. Curt attended a training workshops on “Common Paths” by INDOT (their version of Complete Streets on October 26, and reported that many local and state people were in attendance, including several from Lafayette Development Department and the Bike-Ped coordinator for INDOT, who is the manager for these workshops. There were many subthemes presented, but all of them involved a focus on making the roads safer for all users, including several suggested approaches that would reduce vehicle traffic to enhance the safety and quality of the road user experience.
- d. The WL Go Greener Commission held a workshop on WL City Development with Bikes in Mind on November 10 at which Ed Garrison and Erik Carlson, the new WL City Engineer and Dir. Of Development (respectively) were present and spoke, along with Aaron Madrid and Evan Smith with MKSK (involved with the State Street project). This was well attended by participants of this committee and Bicycle Lafayette as well as others. The changing of the guard in these WL city offices is significant as it represents a potentially large shift in support for cyclists and pedestrians from WL department heads. There was widespread angst expressed and felt at that meeting over the lack of action by the Cities and County to improve the safety for cyclists on the Harrison Bridge. Bill Arthur expressed his interest in continuing a dialog to push for changes to the bridge to increase its safety to all users. Carl suggested that there needs to be increased speed limit enforcement for vehicles on the bridge and its approaches, and this may be possible to implement without great

expense. Curt recommended that the only path forward is to continue to engage both Erik Carlson and Ed Garrison over the issues and needs of cyclists and pedestrians. There is a need for action by the City to create its own WL Bike-Ped plan, to pass its own WL Complete Streets ordinance, to submit an application to LAB status for Bicycle Friendly Community, and to designate a staff member as the WL Bike-Ped coordinator. Curt plans to discuss these issues (including the Bridge) with Erik Carlson in January.

- e. Updates on road construction: N. River Road, Happy Hollow Rd., Williams/Tapawingo/South River Rd (these will all be opening soon) and upcoming projects: Kingston trail (2017) and Happy Hollow Trail and Sagamore Pkwy trail (2018). The State Street project will commence with road closures (State Street) in April and these will largely remain closed throughout the summer and early fall. Also Curt reported that there are now several bike lockers on the Purdue campus (near Harrison and Martin Jiske Dr.) that Aaron Madrid will be managing. The details for how they will be rented out were not yet determined at the last PU Parking and Transportation committee meeting in November.
- f. Curt provided some data on the Zagster Bike Share Program that now includes Purdue and both Cities. This data originated from Aaron Madrid at Purdue and was shared with the committee by Bev Shaw of the West Lafayette Development Dept.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Bill mentioned the US231 intersection with State Street as being quite hazardous for all users. There was a fatal auto accident there recently. The southbound vehicles on US231 are going downhill at a rather rapid rate of speed at that intersection.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

The Bike to Work day event was discussed, with Rose indicating that no one is in charge and thus planning is a bit haphazard and inconsistent. She also mentioned that Alfonso Gerbolini of Bicycle Lafayette wants to be involved but is interested in taking B2W Day in a new direction with making it a day of counting cyclists.

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday January 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on January 10, 2017 by Curt Ashendel