



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday May 11, 2017 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Bill Arthur, Jim Bethel, Stewart Frescas, Nick Harby, Janet Myers and John Thomas.

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

2. Corrections were requested for the minutes of the previous meeting (March 23, 2017) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on May 10, 2017 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. John Thomas, Associate APC Director, will present the current draft of the 25 year Transportation Improvement Plan which was presented at the last meeting of CPC (held March 28). The overview was followed by a period of questions and answers. This is the first long range plant that inventories bicycle and pedestrian facilities and projects needs for additional such facilities in the future. Generally, the local projects proposed for INDOT in this plan are a way for the local community, via the APC, to urge INDOT to develop new roads or improve existing state and federal highways. The remaining plans are a means for prioritizing projects and having projects in the pipeline for when funding becomes available.
- b. Bicycle Community Safety Program progress update: This group met on April 25. There was an article in the J&C about this group and its efforts on April 23 that was rather good publicity. There is a website that will launch on May 19 for “Bike Walk Greater Lafayette” (the new name of the group) at bikewalkgreaterlafayette.org. Addition implementation task ideas were discussed and these will be decided on (prioritized) at the next meeting on June 1. More survey takers are needed for the road user survey, which remains open (870 responses so far) at this URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LafayetteBikePed>
- c. State Street Redevelopment - major construction this summer starting May 15 (see <http://statestreetwl.com/>).
- d. Volunteers did Bicycle Counts at 26 locations for Bike to Work with funding from sponsors (Thanks Carl!) and supervised by Bike to Work Day committee (Step) and Tim Stroshine of the APC. A report from Tim with the results will be forthcoming.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Jan indicated that the sidewalk improvements on Main Street in Lafayette were not pedestrian friendly in that there was very little capacity for pedestrians on the sidewalk due to the large amount of benches, plantings and bike racks in the area of the sidewalk nearest the street.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

Bike To Work Day – Plans for event on Friday May 19, 2017 were reviewed. Planning the events involved effort from participants in this committee (Carl Griffin and Rose Kaczmarowski) and Steph and others from Bicycle Lafayette, as well as participation of the APC transportation staff, with financial support from IU-Health, Arconic, Evonik, and both Cities. The plans consists of two aspects: An event on Friday the 19th on the West side of the Myers Pedestrian Bridge including Mayoral proclamations, food and drink (including coffee from Fuel) from 7:30 to 8:30am; and the bicyclist counting indicated in Recent Developments, above. A poster was designed and printed and publicity (press release) will be done just before the even. Thank you to Carl, Rose, Steph (and others at Bicycle Lafayette) for their hard work on both of these efforts.

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday May 23 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building. (This was later cancelled.)
- The next meeting of this committee is was scheduled for July 13.
- The APC technical traffic committee meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 2PM and the WL traffic commission meets third Tuesday of each month at 5PM. The Technical Traffic Committee meets in Board of Works room in Lafayette city hall and the WL traffic commission meets in the WL Public Library.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on July 11, 2017 by Curt Ashendel