



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday July 13, 2017 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding) and Stewart Frescas.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (May 11, 2017) which were posted to the WLBPB web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on July 11, 2017 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Bicycle Community Safety Program progress update: Curt reported on the two meetings, held June 1 and July 12 which primarily involved planning for actions to be taken and discussing components of a report, which will be in the form of an assessment and action plan. The Bike Walk Greater Lafayette website launched May 19: <http://bikewalkgreaterlafayette.org> where you can also see the new logo for this group.
- b. State Street Redevelopment construction continues through August 13 with some items being completed at that time and others continuing through fall with a scheduled completion on November 30. See <http://statestreetwl.com/>
- c. Bicycle Lafayette will be joining with <http://GrowLocalLafayette.org> to hold a local bike tour in Lafayette on Saturday August 12, from 9 to noon beginning at the Footbridge Sharing Garden, 244 Smith Street, Lafayette which is three houses to the west of the corner of Kossuth and South 3rd Street. This will tour the 9 sharing gardens in Lafayette maintained by the Grow Local Urban Garden Network. The ride involves some harvesting and ends with a lunch involving some of the harvested produce. See the GrowLocalLafayette.org website for more info.
- d. Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation has announced a new 196 acre park, the Bicentennial Nature Area, involving a lake (in the old gravel pit) located between Schuyler Ave and Duncan Rd north of Sagamore Parkway. Additional development is being planned. Current access is via ramps from Sagamore parkway. County Parks should create better access for non-motorized park users.
- e. The City of Lafayette is forming a Bicycle Advisory Committee and plans to have a position with the duties of bike-ped coordinator.
- f. Stewart attended a meeting in Indianapolis on the topic of Vision Zero that was arranged by Health by Design. The meeting had two parts, with the main part being to convince Indianapolis officials of the plausibility and significance of vision zero's goals and approaches. If this is successful in Indy, it may be possible to spread this to places such as Lafayette and West Lafayette.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

Curt discussed how Lafayette has now leaped past West Lafayette in terms of policies related to bicycle and pedestrian safety and that we need to reset our relationship with the West Lafayette officials, none of whom were in office when this Committee was started in 2003. To do this Curt plans to meet with Erik

Carlson, director of Development and probably also with Ed Garrison, City Engineer. The politics are more complicated than ever, as Mitch Daniels has more power than anyone in the city with respect to policy and infrastructure and he and the Mayor do not see cycling and walking as issues having significant priority. However, we will keep the focus will be on the City and what it can and should do, with no attempt to involve the top level (Mayor or Daniels). But to get buy-in to our goals and advice, we first need to sell Mr. Garrison and Carlson on the value of cycling and walking in the community and then inform them of the critical issues that can make the community friendlier to cyclists and pedestrians. The latter involves at least 4 components: Continued active engagement between the City staff and this Committee on cycling and pedestrian issues (policy, operations, and infrastructure); hiring a bike-ped coordinator for the city; applying to LAB for Bicycle Friendly City and to Walk Friendly Communities for Walk Friendly City status; and developing a West Lafayette Bicycling and Pedestrian Plan. Curt will develop a more detailed plan and presentation materials for this meeting and likely will also be putting some of this material on the Committee's website.

5. Projects of the Committee discussed

None were discussed.

6. Other business and announcements

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Tuesday May 25 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building. (Later this meeting was cancelled.)
- The next meeting of this committee is was scheduled for September 14.
- 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 7:10 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on September 12, 2017 by Curt Ashendel