



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 13, 2018 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Katie Brewer, Stewart Frescas, Nick Harby, Vasundhara Kaul, Janet Myers, Marcus Smith and Mathew Von Werder

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (July 12, 2018) which were posted to the WLBPB web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on September 11, 2018 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. Riverfest was held July 14 (this Saturday). Marcus was there and indicated that several parts of Riverfest were relevant to cyclists and pedestrians including a bike rodeo, a tricycle race, and information tables including one by the Mountain Biking Association.
- b. Stewart Frescas has reported that the train to Chicago and Indy now take bicycles for an additional fee of only \$10. He recently tried this for going to Chicago for a one-day excursion. He rode many miles and said it was a very enjoyable and rewarding trip and the train transportation worked out very well.
- c. The Area Planning Commissions Transportation Planning Citizens Participation Committee's third quarter meeting was held September 12. Curt reported that the annual listing of projects (for which some funding had been expended during the past fiscal year) was presented. It is a nice look at all the projects, with pictures, and is available on the APC transportation planning web site. Also discussed was a document demonstrating compliance with Title IV, which relates to public input in general but otherwise was not highly relevant for this committee. The next meeting of the CPC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 5:45pm.
- d. The BWGL steering committee met July 30. It was decided that this steering committee would meet quarterly, of which perhaps two meetings would be primarily for outreach and community education, where partners are invited to come and share what they are doing and engage with the steering committee. The overall efforts of the BWGL, the use of the STP funding, and the work with the consultants on BWGL projects would be managed by a multi-jurisdictional executive committee consisting of the three bike-ped coordinators Margy Deverall, Marcus Smith, and Aaron Madrid, and also including Mike Summerfield from the Tippecanoe County Highway Department. Curt additionally reported that at the Steering committee meeting there were updates on efforts by various individual participants including participation at health fairs (Margy), Bike and walk to school events, and bicycle rodeo (Bicycle Lafayette).
- e. Update from Marcus Smith, the WL Bike-Ped coordinator: The City web site now has pages on cycling including a list of city ordinances and an interactive map. He has been contacted by a Purdue Student who is interested in doing a project to pass out bicycle bells to riders on trails so they can alert pedestrians to their presence. In answer to comments and questions, he indicated that sensing loops are going to be replaced with cameras (which work better than loops for cyclists and also detect pedestrians) such as already been done at Lindberg and Salisbury.

- f. Marcus requested a discussion about how the City should deal with eScooters which have recently appeared in the community and primarily are offered via sharing programs run by Bird, a for-profit company. After a wide ranging discussion including a number of suggestions, it seemed clear that some enforcement will be needed of the rules that they should not be used on sidewalks or parked in a way that blocks the right-of-way. There was concern that they will be used on sidewalks in spite of the rules, and so it was suggested that they be required to have a lower maximum speed of 7 mph (instead of their current maximum of 15 mph). Also needed will be some regulation of the company by the City. Marcus indicated the City is thinking of seeking a limit on the number of eScooters permitted as well as limiting where they can be parked to specific sites. Also, the City hopes that operating regulations and enforcement will be uniform across jurisdictions including Lafayette and Purdue University.

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

None were reported.

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 Wednesday December 12 at 5:45 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is was scheduled for November 8, 2018.
- 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 7:26 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBPCC website on November 7, 2018 by Curt Ashendel