



## **West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee**

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday January 10, 2019 6:00 PM  
Quiet Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Stewart Frescas, and Carl Griffin

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

**2. Corrections were requested for the minutes** of the previous meeting (November 8, 2018) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on January 8, 2019 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

### **3. News of developments since the last meeting**

- a. Margy Deverall has called for a community meeting about Bike Month to be held Feb 23, though the formal invitations have not yet been sent. The idea would be many groups would be invited with the hope for a broad representation of stakeholders. The meeting would discuss all things that are perceived to be needed and would also allow groups to indicate what they can contribute.
- b. The BWGL Mapping subcommittee met on December 14. It was decided to widen the scope of the map and a lot of specifics were brought up as corrections or additions to the comfort level ratings on roads, resulting in substantial progress being made.
- c. At the December 10 meeting of the APC's Citizens Advisory Meeting, the draft 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Plan and wind turbine rules were discussed. The TIP includes a rough prioritization of federally funded projects over the next 5 years. Several local projects of interest to cyclists and pedestrians are on it. This draft plan next goes to the Technical Transportation committee of the APC. The wind turbine rules now are many years old and are being revisited with the possibility of opening up some of the least populated parts of the county to wind farms.
- d. Since Marcus Smith, the WL Bike-Ped coordinator was not able to attend, Curt reported on the meeting he had with Marcus in November about possible additional events to hold during Bike Month, including a community ride around the city (literally) almost completely on trails, a bike race, some community forums/Q&A sessions for people about cycling. There was a suggestion that the community ride could be done with a modest fee to be a fundraiser for cycling, though that might conflict with the general idea that this would be a great way to reach out to diverse members of the community that likely would include families with children and cycling novices.

### **4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions**

- a. There was an article in the J&C about eScooters and the city council and there will be a special meeting on January 14 to discuss this issue and potential ideas for the City to deal with it.
- b. Curt noted that in a meeting he was at there was some concern about the roundabout at South River Road and Tapawingo and Williams to be used safely by pedestrians and cyclists. Stewart added that one of the problems is that vehicles traveling to the roundabout on Williams often approach at

excessive speeds. This seems to suggest that traffic calming may be needed at the Williams approach to the roundabout. Button activated flashing ped crossing signs and/or a ped refuge may also help with pedestrians trying to cross Williams.

## **5. Projects of the Committee discussed**

Only Bike Month and Bike to Word Day were discussed (see item 3d above)

## **6. Other business and announcements**

- The next meeting of the APC CPC is scheduled to be on Wednesday March 13 at 5:45 pm in the Grand Prairie Room of the Tippecanoe Office Building.
- The next meeting of this committee is was scheduled for March 14, 2019.
- 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 7:15 pm**

*These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on March 11, 2019 by Curt Ashendel*