



West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday March 14, 2019 6:00 PM
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Marcus Smith, and Carl Griffin

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Corrections were requested for the minutes of the previous meeting (January 10, 2019) which were posted to the WLBPC web site (<http://www.westlafayettebikeped.org/Committee/Minutes.html>) on March 11, 2019 and also provided at this meeting. No corrections were noted in the meeting.

3. News of developments since the last meeting

- a. In the community meeting about Bike Month by BWGL (held February 23) many groups were represented and contributed to discussion of recent events/accomplishments in each city, community needs, organizational and community aspirations, and some brainstorming. Carl, Curt and Stewart Frescas from this committee as well as Bryce Patz from WL Development were present. Although many different needs were identified, additional programs to educate and encourage the public to promote cycling as well as a great need for improved communication among cycling-interested organizations were frequently noted by different discussion groups.
- b. Curt reported about the March 13 quarterly meeting of the APC's Citizens Advisory Committee. The program item was the latest revision of the Transportation Improvement Plan (which moving forward by returning to the TTC before the APC Policy Committee). The list of projects to be funded in the next 5 years can be seen in the TIP, which is on the APC Transportation Planning web site. Also mentioned by Doug Poad at that meeting was that there is now regional and state interest in there being one or more numbered national cycling routes through Tippecanoe county. These are national routes, and will likely fall on roads with low vehicle traffic but the discussions are still in the early stages.
- c. The WL ordinance on eScooters will become effective April 12. Given the number of requirements for liability insurance, staffing, fee, etc. to obtain a permit, so far there have been no applications for a permit.
- d. Restating the WL city code is being proposed by Mayor Dennis, but there are few or no changes to the code. Marcus indicated that the purpose of this is mostly to reformat and organize the city code to fit within the requirements of cataloging software that will be used for accessing it.
- e. The BWGL mapping subcommittee met January 17, 2019 to mostly finalize the cycling comfort level map and further discuss the pedestrian map. This group will meet again on April 18.
- f. 2019 Bike Month (May) and Bike to Work Day (May) events were discussed. Carl indicated that the plan for Bike to Work day is for the morning of Friday May 17 at the west end of the Myers Bridge with a format similar to prior years. Also, cyclist counting will again be done this year with volunteers being able to earn bike shop gift cards for doing 2 hour shifts. The counts will be done the week of April 15-19 (April 16 being the preferred date.) Interested cyclists may sign up on line. Tim Stroschine at the APC office of Transportation Planning is managing this. Other events are being set up (see item

g below) by various organizations and a calendar is being put together by Margy Deverall that will be available on the BWGL web site. Also, a publicity poster is being prepared and printed for distribution/posting around town.

- g. Updates from Marcus Smith, the WL Bike-Ped coordinator included two items. First that work will start very soon to improve the Happy Hollow Park Trail entrance to the park and the connection to the trail along River Road. Secondly, Marus will lead a cycling safety instruction and ride as a Bike Month event. This will be held at the temporary City Hall (the former Happy Hollow School) and has yet to be scheduled (by the time the minutes were prepared, this was scheduled to be at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 13).

4. Open forum for problems and ideas for new actions

None were reported.

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 June 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 May 9, 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 7:10 pm

These minutes were submitted to the WLBP website on May 9, 2019 by Curt Ashendel