



## West Lafayette Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday September 19, 2019 6:00 PM  
Board Room, West Lafayette Public Library

Present: Curt Ashendel (presiding), Jim Bethel, Stewart Frescas, Carl Griffin, Nick Harby and Marcus Smith

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

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

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

- a. The September 11 quarterly meeting of the APC's Citizens Participation Committee involved a discussion of plans for West Lafayette's downtown on the agenda. The current (August 2019) draft of the downtown plan is available on the APC website at <http://in-tippecanoecounty.civicplus.com/919/West-Lafayette-Downtown-Plan> . This 105 page document is quite interesting and worth looking at. An entire chapter focuses on transportation infrastructure, and some near-term objectives relate to setting parking spot ratios in the zoning, and area we know affects how much future residents and customers remain auto-centric. Marcus indicated that this has been a big project. Carl described template zoning as a block by block specifics within an general area, and that has been used quite a lot in this plan to allow for optimal use while preserving historic structures.
- b. The annual Riverfest was held by WREC on July 13. Marcus said the bike rodeos went well. Nick said that the group bike ride (led by WRCC) on the Wabash Heritage trail left him behind and did not wait for him to catch up. Marcus said he would pass that on so it hopefully doesn't happen in the future.
- c. At its meeting on August 5, the WL City Council had the second and final reading and vote on Ordinance 13-19, "An Ordinance Protecting Bicycle Riders." Due to the strong support voiced at the meeting by many people, including several from the WLBPC, the ordinance passed unanimously.
- d. Marcus Smith (WL Bike Ped Coordinator) said that the application to LAB for Bicycle Friendly Community is in the phase of community comments in the form of a survey. The survey is open until September 22. Announcement of the judgement of LAB will be made later this year in November or December.
- e. Marcus provided some updates on construction updates. This fall there will be sidewalk works done on Park Ridge, Sycamore, Anthropol, and Navajo, while next year there will be the rail underpass on Newman Road with a new multi-use trail along it.
- f. Marcus has completed his short-term goals set for his first year and sought input from this committee for new short-term goals as bike-ped coordinator. Marcus would like to include creating a WL Bicycling Plan as well as continuing his outreach and education efforts with the Schools and for Bike Month and Bike to Work day. Curt suggested also doing a Walk-friendly Community application and a trail and pedestrian plan (perhaps combined with the Bicycling Plan). Marcus said that doing such

applications can be very helpful for planning and they can be a positive designation for the community if successful.

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

There was a discussion about Northwestern Avenue being unsafe for cyclists as there is no bike lane and the travel lanes are not wide enough to allow for passing bikes on the right side of the road. This is particularly important for northwest bound bikes when they go up the hill at the Cherry Lane intersection.

#### **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 11 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 14, 2019 at 6:00pm.
- 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 7:23 pm**

*These minutes were submitted to the WLBPC website on November11, 2019 by Curt Ashendel*