

MEQUON/THIENSVILLE BIKE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Friday, October 5th, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were J. Jessel, T. Mooney (9:11 a.m.), J. Treffert, J. & H. Ward and for the City of Mequon K. Lundeen and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of August 30, 2012.

Discussion: O. Frets asked that the Minutes for approval be suspended for now and moved to the end of the agenda due to lack of a quorum at this time.

3. Additional Connections

Prioritize Projects

Southeast Port Washington Rd

Feasibility Study of the Potential Pursuit of a crossing over the river at Donges Bay Road

Green Bay Road in Thiensville/Mequon

Discussion: O. Frets asked about the projects List. K. Lundeen said for information purposes more than anything updated the project list and changed the priority to reference and moved County Line up and gave the connection from Main Street to the OIT a number, but wasn't sure if we wanted it to stay at 29 or wanted to move it up the list and also added a column for jurisdiction and then also namely for information purposes T. Mooney had asked about the City's plans for road project (handed out a copy). K. Lundeen had Tim Weyker, helps manage annual road program, added a column indicating the anticipated year of construction for the associated roadway with the key word being anticipated. If anyone is following the budget, they're currently proposing to cut our budget in half for roads and if so would put things out farther than currently planned. Tim also added a few notes with regards to the project that would have to be thought about before going ahead with the project. K. Lundeen reminded everyone that our official intent was to have a discussion on this in January of every year after the budgets have been set and dollars amounts set, so everyone can review this information and bring it back in January to discuss. J. Treffert said this could be a draft. O. Frets also mentioned to take it off the agenda until January 2013. O. Frets brought up the Southeast Port Washington Rd letter that it had been drafted, signed and was mailed to Bob Dreblow. John Treffert mentioned that one of the property owners on Green Bay Road in Thiensville had ripped out his flowers along the path for the Green Bay Road Bike Path Project. The project is set to go and out to bid in the spring. T. Mooney mentions that it would be bid and the spring and build sometime between the spring and the fall. J. Treffert also mentioned that the contractors are hungry, but the bad news is that some of them are actually going out of business because it's slow out there. He also mentioned that the County was going to repave Division Street between the Library and Calvary Church. T. Mooney also said that he recently read that Thiensville is going to redo Main Street downtown, are they going to do anything beside just repave the street? J. Treffert said they want to smooth it out through Diamond Grinding, get rid of the bumps and there are a lot of areas that are a lot of section deteriorating. They want to do something with bump-outs or just something to make it look nicer. There won't be any more lanes for biking.

4. Planned Events:

Plan for 2012 Tours in Mequon/Thiensville – K. Wade & O. Frets

Report on July 7th Concordia Event – K. Wade & O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets said they had their last event for the season in September. There about 40 people that showed up, competing against the Packer game. Still a lot showed up and everything went smooth only 1 or 2 took the wrong turn at the snack station. J. Treffert said he re-rode the route and he got lost. T. Mooney said there is a lot of jogging around on some of those streets. O. Frets said that K. Wade did a great job and had a lot people to help out. O. Frets passed out a list of ideas for marketing bike rides in the future. O Frets and K. Wade didn't do all the items on the list but quite a few for the event that they did and perhaps for next year we can divide them up between the Commission members so each person would be responsible for the event. T. Mooney mentioned that the 3rd item from the bottom of the list "Reserve the Community Board" that has been done early on. If you're going to plan a side in June, you need to get this information now. O. Frets mentioned that their hoping to change the board to an electronic board. K. Lundeen the message would be easier to change in the future than and they could schedule more events and need less time to get information in. At the same time

you might want to set the date for the meeting to set the date for the events for next year. T. Mooney asked who handles that sign information. K. Lundeen said that Pam in the Parks Department. O. Frets said that for our next meeting, think about any ride, walks, hiking to bring up at our next meeting so we can start planning for April and May.

5. Bike Racks: B. Mack

Discussion: O. Frets stated that B. Mack wasn't there. H. Ward said B. Mack had asked that some recognition be designed for the donated racks. H. Ward presented a sample that could be attached to the racks on the side. B. Mack donated one. First Watch donated the one at the library and was working our really but with the remodeling not sure where it is right now. We need to keep the sign simple to keep the cost down, the more design the greater the cost and who will pay for it. J. Ward made the sample sign. H. Ward asked which was better "Donated By" or "Thanks To". J. Mooney said if someone pays for the rack would it be possible to pay for it. O. Frets maybe we could figure the sign into the cost of the rack. H. Ward will check on the cost for the next meeting. O. Frets mentioned that some had said that J. & H. Ward were in contact with Fiddleheads about a Rack. H. Ward said that it wasn't Fiddleheads, but with Prime Minister. They gave them the information and haven't heard anything more. H. Ward said that H Schnell was trying to get in touch with the right person at Fiddleheads. O. Frets they don't have any racks at any of their locations. J. Treffert said he will talk to Steve Klimson.

6. M-T Outdoors Website – K. Wade

Discussion: O. Frets make sure we post things on the web site as soon as possible when we have events and also contact other people like Inter Urban Bike Trail to get things on their site and our site has their information on our site. H. Ward said the Interurban Site has not been kept up like it should be due to lack of personnel. K. Lundeen also said another thing you can do through Mequon is have someone snap a couple of picture and send to Melissa Bohse as a goal to publish pictures everyday for Twitter and Facebook. You can also send through Lina P. O. Frets said the OIT doesn't have anything from us posted on their web site. We have stuff of theirs so it should work both ways.

7. Community Involvement – T Mooney

Impromptu Rides
Ozaukee Bicycle Club

Discussion: T. Mooney said has hasn't actually done much. T. Mooney mentioned a group that J. Treffert rides with and meets on Wednesday and suspects that it's one group that we may be able to contact for getting into more individual rides. J. Treffert said the group frequently starts out B1-Burger and go to Waukesha, Meno. Falls Bug Line Trail, Greenfield. They send out an e-mail on how the ride went on Thursday and where the next ride will be going. T. Mooney wants to get as many people as possible to ride with and join with various rides. O. Frets asked if J. Treffert would like to contact Dick Jacoby and see if interested we could but in the paper that we are sponsoring an event. J. Jessel suggested sending out the notice through an e-mail list. J. Treffert suggested putting on the marketing list. K. Lundeen also suggested adding to the Website discussion with K. Wade, to see if people want to subscribe to an event list.

8. OIT Improvement – Bonniwell Substation Revision – K. Lundeen

Discussion: K. Lundeen said they we went through the selection process and did interviews of three consultants. We have selected the consultant but have not been authorized by DAAR who is WisDOT management consultant to actually award the project. We are at a Level G at the moment but need to wait to get a Level H before we are allowed to enter into a scoping contract. At this point we have identified Gremmer and Associates who has done a lot of WisDOT Work. The intent is to get a scoping project as soon as we can which then we result in actual dollar amount contract. We chose the contractor on integrity and qualifications. The schedule is potential tight until the design consultant is under contract. They can't do any surveying and we're held up by WisDOT. We also asked SEWRPC to do wetland delinations. We hope to award next spring to a contractor.

9. Other Business

O. Frets-Checked into the Bike Friendly Community designation because B. Mack and T. Mooney thought that the rules had changed and that they had mad it easier to acquire it. O. Frets checked it out and found that we now meet all the requirements. He will go through it with T. Mooney and make sure that he didn't make any mistakes. Perhaps we all can review it at our next meeting. Then we can move forward. J. Treffert said we would want to get the blessing of the Common Council or someone. K. Lundeen said we also want to make sure

we can make a joint application or does it have to be two separate applications and if it would have to go through a Commission first. J. Treffert asked K. Lundeen to check if we need Commission approval. T. Mooney said that the last time we applied we took it to the Council for their approval and at that time it didn't include Thiensville.

O. Frets mentioned T. Mooney's e-mail of September 26 regarding Wisconsin Bike Federation with various items and that Waukesha had a plan similar to our 2030 plan and noted that Waukesha had a private firm do their plan. You should all pat yourself on the back. Also the Wisconsin Bike Federation listed events some of which we talked about before, biking and walking to school with the kids. October 3rd was bike and walk to school day. Maybe we can incorporate into spring events.

T. Mooney asked about what happened with signs. K. Lundeen said we're waiting for the branding to go through. J. Treffert said the city, elected officials, school board and the village all meet at River Barn Park and plan to meet again in November to see what we have in common. K. Lundeen said people have been identified. J. Treffert said he would check and see what's happening.

O. Frets returned to Item 2 for approval of the Minutes which were suspended for lack of a quorum earlier. J. Treffert moved to approve the minutes. J. Jessel second. H. Ward asked to have the minutes reflect that under item 5 a correction be made to reflect that the Wards were talking to the Prime Minister verse Fiddleheads as entered in the minutes. K. Lundeen said the minutes would need to stay as Fiddleheads because that's how it was discussed, but would be noted in today's minutes as a correction.

O. Frets asked if 9:00 a.m. for the next meeting worked for everyone. Everyone agreed to reflect a change to 9:30 a.m. on November 2nd.

10. Adjourn

T. Mooney moved to adjourn.
J. Ward seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is November 2, 2012, 9:30 a.m. Administrative Conference Room.