

MEQUON/THIENSVILLE BIKE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Friday March 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were: T. Mooney, J. & H. Ward, John Liegeois and K. Wade. For the City of Mequon: K. Lundeen and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of February 1, 2013.

Discussion: O. Frets asked if there were any changes to minutes. H. Ward noted two minor changes. T. Mooney moved to approved. J. Ward seconded. A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

3. Town Center – Cindy Schaffer

Discussion: O. Frets invited Cindy Schaffer to share information on the Town Center in development on the northwest corner of Cedarburg Road and Mequon Road. Cindy presented her thoughts on how she intends to develop the property along with her partner Wired Properties with living quarters, restaurants and shops. She already has had interest from vendors such as Café Hollander and Altera as well as interest from future residents for the apartments located above. K. Wade felt that it was exciting that we have an opportunity to incorporate biking here. The fact that Café Hollander has bike groups that would go through here and was near the bike trail was exciting. O. Frets said that we are looking to make this a safe place for bikers and people who might walk here and that now is the time to make those suggestions. T. Mooney asked how people would get from the trail to the Center. It was mentioned that they would have access through the Logemann/City Hall parking lot or the sidewalk along Mequon Road. A suggestion was made to have a bicycle rest area, shower, or welcome center. O. Frets said with a welcome center with a shower the bikers could clean up before work at the center or dining in a restaurant. He also suggested a bike corral to house the bikes (one central location for the bikes). H. Ward asked if the standard sidewalk could be made wider in the future. K. Lundeen mentioned that it was something that wouldn't be done anytime soon and that it would have to be done through the DOT from the project west to the trail. J. Liegeois said he would push for a variance for a sign on the Oz. Bike Trail as this would be one of the best stops on the whole trail. Other ideas for this site were a bike shop or at least a repair/service shop, a bike rental station and rest rooms, light food shops. It was suggested that maybe the welcome center could be placed in the Legion Hall.

4. Bikeway Commission Annual Report & Duties – O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets and H. Ward noted a couple of changes. H. Ward said she would send the document to B. Vento to make corrections. J. Ward motioned to approve the report subject to the changes noted. T. Mooney second. A voice vote was called. The motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

5. 2010-2030 Project Prioritization List – O. Frets

Discussion: K. Lundeen stated that at this point we don't have a road budget yet, and asked that this item be left on the agenda for next time.

6. Planned Events:

Plan Events for 2013 Tour in Mequon/Thiensville – K. Wade & O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets passed the events calendar around for the year. June 13th is an added event through Jeff Jeanpierre and if any one is willing to help he would appreciate it. T. Mooney said we should be cautious with endorsing charity rides and has no problem with J. Jeanpierre. O. Frets said it was a longer ride and was going to attract a different type of biker and you wouldn't be getting families with kids here. K. Lundeen said that this group has talked about cross promotion by just letting people know about the event. K. Wade said she would put the calendar on the web site.

7. Bike Racks: B. Mack

Locations

Fiddleheads

Discussion: O. Frets said that he knows someone who was trying to contact B. Mack about a bike rack and couldn't. O. Frets said he would like someone else to know what's going on beside B. Mack. K. Wade said it would be nice to put together a document that had everything on it, and maybe put it on the web site so if a business wanted to do something we can refer them to the web site or print it off and it would give them all the information. K. Lundeen said that the form should be set up like an order form that all they do is fill it out and attach a check with the option to also purchase a second rack to donate to the City. K. Wade said that B. Mack will not be back until the end of April and he has all the information. O. Frets said to maybe e-mail him with all the information we discussed today and that we will need for the next meeting he is here.

8. Bicycle Friendly Community

Application

Joint Mequon/Thiensville – T. Mooney & O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets asked for every ones answers and will combine the info for next month meeting. J. Liegeois said that Ben Heinen from the Mequon Police Department would be glad to attend a meeting. He knows all the rules for biking such as biking on the sidewalk. It was also suggested to send him the Minutes, Ordinance establishing the Commission and to put him on the Commission list so that we have his name. J. Liegeois will invite him to the next meeting in April.

K. Wade had to re-register Bike Mequon \$31 and said that Jim Heyer has Mequon Thiensville Outdoors which is probably also due. They are annual fees. Do we want to keep both? O. Frets asked if the Mequon Community Foundation would be willing to pay for them. K. Lundeen also suggested a small fund raiser at your next event with a box for donations. H. Ward asked who we would have to go through to get a budget such as \$100 to pay for advertising and the web sites. K. Lundeen suggested coming up with a budget/needs are; what your out of pocket expenses have been and submit to Lee that you would like disbursement from a current budget or a future budget or both. Also, how much would you have budgeted from each Mequon and Thiensville. H. Ward asked to have that on our next agenda as it would be an action item.

9. Community Involvement – T. Mooney

Impromptu Rides

Ozaukee Bicycle Club

Discussion: O. Frets mentioned that there wasn't anything new to report now.

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

Discussion: K. Lundeen mentioned that we are waiting for the Governor to sign and there was nothing new at this point.

11. Signs

Branding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: Nothing Further.

12. Additional Connections

Green Bay Road in Thiensville/Mequon

Discussion: Nothing at this point.

13. Other Business

Next meeting: April 5, 2013

14. Adjourn

K. Wade motioned to adjourn.

T. Mooney second

Adjourned 11:32 p.m.

