

MEQUON/THIENSVILLE BIKE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Friday May 31, 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 10:08 a.m. by Chairman O. Frets. Those present were: C. Leonard, J. Liegeois, T. Mooney, and J. & H. Ward. Also in attendance were C. Wucherer and J. Shevy from the Thiensville Police Dept. and N. Russo City of Mequon Police Dept. For the City of Mequon: K. Lundeen and B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of May 3, 2013.

Discussion: O. Frets asked if there were any changes to the minutes. J. Ward motioned to approve and T. Mooney second. A voice vote was called. All approved 5-0 2 absent.

3. Planned Events:

Bike to Work Week (BTWW)-K Wade & O. Frets

Discussion: O. Frets thought Bike to Work Week went well and thanked everyone who helped out along with the Police Officers who helped out. O. Frets showed a few pictures that were in the newspaper showing the Mayors' ride. H. Ward asked what the turnout was like at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday for Bike to Work Week. N. Russo replied that the turnout was pretty small and suggested that next year to maybe have the stop directly on the trail. H. Ward asked if any of the bike stores were present. O. Frets replied that yes Belgium Bike Works was there. J. Liegeois suggested asking various bike groups to run something such as asking one group do the coffee, etc. J. Liegeois suggested contacting employers next year and showed an article from Kimberly Clark encouraging their employees to bike to work. K. Lundeen said to inspire companies to do that you could inquiry if the City/Village would ask their employees to bike to work, and that several Mequon employees did it on their own. O. Frets mentioned that Rockwell downtown said it gave their employees who biked to work an hour to get ready when they got there. C. Wucherer also mentioned putting a banner on the side of the old fire house to announce Bike to Work Week. K. Lundeen asked when the Bike Federation declares the date for bike to work week and that announcing it next year would be easier with the new electronic sign board. C. Wucherer also mentioned that rotating banners can be added to the Thiensville website as well by just contacting Andy La Fond.

T. Mooney mentioned that John Kriger has been appointed by the School Board to be the liaison for this group. He is a teacher/coach at Homestead High School. O. Fret and T. Mooney will try and meet with him next week. O. Frets mentioned there are two bike to schools days; one the first week in May on a Wednesday and the second week in October on Wednesday by the National Bike to School Day.

O. Frets mentioned that we didn't have a very good showing for the Nature Preserve. Turn out was better last year. H. Ward had a picture of the donated bike rack from B. Mack.

O. Frets mentioned that Bike Fest was Saturday June 1 and asked what our participation was. H. Ward stated that we will have a table there with various handouts and asked if someone else could do/help man the table. O. Frets gave her a stack of items from the Bike Federation to put on the table. T. Mooney said he would be there. C. Wucherer said there would be a safety course for the kids with a ride around the park at the end. O. Frets has arranged for Blue Sky to be there and give chair massages. H. Ward said it was nice to see the reserve bike officers Neal & Kyle helping out with our events in their new official uniforms. C. Wucherer said he would be out there with Thiensville's new Trek Bike.

4. Bike Racks: B. Mack

Locations

Fiddleheads

Discussion: T. Mooney mentioned that the stickers on the new racks looked very nice. O. Frets asked H Ward if we could get the web site added to the stickers. The Wards so far have paid for the stickers for a total \$19.01 for a total of 3.

5. Bicycle Friendly Community

Application

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

Discussion: O. Frets said that he and T. Mooney would meet next week and go over the final on this. K. Lundeen asked when the deadline was. O. Frets replied June 20th and that they wouldn't make that, but that there was another one in the fall. You can submit anytime you want, it's just when it's reviewed.

6. Community Involvement – T. Mooney

Impromptu Rides

Ozaukee Bicycle Club

Discussion: T. Mooney said that J. Treffert rides with a group called the Ozaukee Bike Club and they meet on Wednesday Morning. H. Ward stated Ron Heinritz is in charge of that group.

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

Discussion: K. Lundeen passed out a copy of the proposed drawing with four alternatives. The next step is to meet with We Energies to see how much fence they would be willing to relocate. The actual construction won't happen until 2014.

8. Signs

Branding Committee – J. Treffert

Discussion: Nothing further to report at this time.

9. Additional Connections

Green Bay Road in Thiensville/Mequon

Discussion: Utility work has started; should be done by July 1st. H. Ward questioned the newspaper article saying that from "the southern most block of the project from Grand Heidel will include resurfacing and incorporate a bike/ped lane on the east side. The road will remain at the same width and the remainder from Heidel to Lake Bluff will include widening the road surface to 32'. This will allow for 2 12' lanes with a 4' ped lane on each side." H. Ward was questioning the short lane only on the east side. O. Frets said he would have to ask Andy La Fond.

K. Lundeen gave an update on the widening of Donges Bay Road. Public works did not take action on the widening of Donges Bay Road. It was intended to go back to the Committee in June, and we have reached out to the residents in Council Hills and O'Connell Lane and are waiting for their replies. The widening of Donges Bay may not have official action until July.

10. Other Business

Bikeway Budget

Discussion: O. Frets said that we have no budget and that we need to cover things like the web site stickers. K. Lundeen said that at the City level you have to be sure that it supports the goals and objectives that have been outlined by Ordinance. Knowing how budgets have become, the concern would be that you would be encouraged to include MT-Outdoors under the Cities Web page as we already incur the cost for that. K. Lundeen encouraged the group to put together their needs and fund raise to meet that rather than requesting tax dollars. H. Ward suggested talking to Mark Harris to see what was involved with putting everything on the City's web site. K. Lundeen's recommendation would be to establish costs and then decide to move forward. O. Frets will get that information for the next meeting.

11. Adjourn

O. Frets asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

T. Mooney motioned to adjourn

J. Ward second.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.