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Public Works Department

JOINT BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN WAY COMMISSION**Friday, January 6, 2017****9:15 AM****Administration Conference Room****Minutes****1. Call to Order, Roll Call****Present:**

Ron Heinritz
Chairman Carol Leonard
John Liegeois
Terence Mooney
Kristin Wade
Maggie Sewart

Absent:

Daniel Waschow

Also present were Director of Public Works/City Engineer K. Lundeen and Administrative Secretary B. Vento.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 2nd, 2016.

RESULT:**Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]****MOVED BY:**

Wade

SECONDED BY:

Sewart

AYES:

Mr. Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Liegeois, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

3. Resident Communications

Resident Concerns: (Residents addressing the Bikeway Commission should clearly state their name and address and should limit their comments to five minutes.)

C. Leonard noted that there were no resident concerns or e-mails received for today.

4. Discussion/Action Items**A. Bike Racks****1. Bike Racks**

C. Leonard stated that People 4 Bikes does grants for up to \$10,000 and will fund half the cost of the project. She suggested it would be something the Village of Thiensville might look into as they are doing a Park redesign.

2. Standard Bike Rack Plan

C. Leonard tabled Item 2 as J. Liegeois is still working on this.

B. Annual Bike Ride

K. Wade inquired as to what time of year we need to focus on. C. Leonard noted that at our last meeting, Memorial Day weekend was mentioned. It was discussed that with the three day weekend more people would be around. During discussion it was suggested to have the ride start and stop at the pool area with the possibility of a swim after the ride. K. Wade said she would check with the person in charge of the pool for free passes for those who participated. It was felt that this would also be a way to promote the pool.

C. Grant Availability

C. Leonard said she had nothing new other than what was mentioned at the last meeting which was People 4 Bikes. They have two funding cycles with one coming up soon. There is also a federal grant for improving access along highways which may or may not fit into any of funding or projects that we have.

D. Priority Information List

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C. Leonard asked if there were any other changes. The Commission is waiting on the road program information from Engineering. K. Lundeen stated that the road program would not be out until April. C. Leonard said she will redo the map packet that corresponds to the priority list to aid in discussion at the next meeting.

2. Bicycle Lane on Donges Bay Road

C. Leonard stated there had been a request by the Commission to write a letter in support of the 5' bike lanes on Donges Bay Road including the infrastructure for the turn lanes. This was discussed at Common Council and the Council approved 5' paved shoulders. K. Lundeen said as part of the 2017 budget, Common Council eliminated funding for bike lanes and utilized the balance of that account for other projects. Engineering then requested a decision by the Common Council as to whether or not bike lanes should be funded from the road program. After tabling in November, the Council requested a three part analysis of: the incremental cost of the bike lanes in relationship to the road project, an analysis of the impact on the road program, and the alderman of the district polling the residents to determine whether or not they had an interest in the bike lanes. The aldermen of the district asked if there was an alternative to only provide the additional paved shoulders but not to carry the bike lanes through the turn lanes and intersections at the width they would be technically required by design. The original design was estimated to be \$73,000.00; the paved shoulders were estimated at \$20,000.00. After discussion in December the Council ultimately decided to approve the paved shoulders. C. Leonard stated that this was clearly not what the committee wanted or recommended. K. Lundeen noted the design will move forward with the assumption that the dollar values will be added to the Donges Bay Road project, but there are two more steps that approve the annual Road Program.

In April Engineering presents the 2017 road program to the Public Works Committee. Subsequently the contracts for crack sealing, seal coating and road reconstruction are presented to the Public Works Committee for recommendation and Common Council for approval.

K. Lundeen stated that if the Commission is unsatisfied with the Common Council action, it should consider requesting the Council reestablish the bike lane funding account. Historically staff requests \$100,000 in funding and typically receives between \$10,000 to \$40,000. Until then, staff will continue to review the road program against the Commission's bike plan and make recommendations to include bicycle facilities where appropriate.

The Commission could also consider undertaking or requesting bicycle counts on roadways. The Council asked for this information and staff has no data on bicycle counts. The subject of a community survey was also discussed.

A motion was made to collect more information regarding spending, housing, new developments, and planned vision of the community so we can come back and discuss how we want to move forward with actual items at the February meeting.

R. Heinritz state the off road path on Donges Bay Road should be added to the Priority List as an option. K. Wade stated there is no funding source for an off road path. C. Leonard stated he could make a motion.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Chairman Leonard
SECONDED BY: Mooney

AYES: Mr. Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Liegeois, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

A motion was made to add an off Road Bike Path on Donges Bay Road to the Priority List.

J. Liegeois asked to have it postponed for a month.

C. Leonard restated the motion to add to the Project Prioritization List an off road bike path from Cedarburg to Wauwatosa section.

R. Heinritz said to add as an option - either bike path or the lanes.

RESULT: **Failed by Voice Acclamation [2 to 4]**
MOVED BY: Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Mooney

AYES: Mr. Heinritz, Mooney

NAYS: Chairman Leonard, Liegeois, Wade, Sewart

C. Leonard restated the motion to add to the Project Prioritization List as an option an off road bike path from Cedarburg Road to Wauwatosa Road

RESULT: **Failed by Voice Acclamation [2 to 4]**
MOVED BY: Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Mooney

AYES: Mr. Heinritz, Mooney

NAYS: Chairman Leonard, Liegeois, Wade, Sewart

5. Other Business

C. Leonard asked if someone would volunteer to chair the March 3rd meeting. T. Mooney volunteered.

Next meeting: February 3rd, 2017

6. Adjourn

At 10:38 a motion to adjourn was made.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Mooney

SECONDED BY: Wade

AYES: Mr. Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Liegeois, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

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