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Public Works Department

JOINT BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN WAY COMMISSION

Thursday, October 5, 2017

8:00 AM

Administration Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Ron Heinritz
Chairwoman Carol Leonard
Commissioner Kristin Wade
Commissioner Maggie Sewart
Commissioner T. Azinger

Absent:

Commissioner John Liegeois
Commissioner Janice Druetzler-Katz

Also present were Assistant City Engineer Bridget Henk and Administrative Secretary Barb Vento.

Present in the audience Tim Grube.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wade made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2017

RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY:	Commissioner Wade
SECONDED BY:	Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

3. Resident Communications

A. Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) Crossing at Donges Bay Rd

Tim Grube of Grube's Towing & Repair on Donges Bay Road presented concerns with the safety of the railroad tracks on Donges Bay Road. He also indicated concerns with the OIT crossing at Donges Bay Road. Mr. Grube recommends a physical barrier along the bike path to slow bikers down prior to crossing Donges Bay Rd. He stated that there are concerns that someone will get hurt at this intersection.

Assistant City Engineer Henk indicated that the OIT crossing at Donges Bay was addressed by the public works committee in September of 2016. At that time larger stop signs and a stop bar were installed on the trail. Ozaukee County has jurisdiction over the trail and has been asked to provide feedback on what would be appropriate safety measures at this location.

Chairwoman Leonard showed pictures of the trail at Donges Bay Road. Presently there are two stop signs with one of them being painted on the trail. Options for the Trail could be:

- Flashing Light
- Slalom
- Fencing

The trail still needs to have vehicular traffic in case of an emergency.

Commissioner Heinritz suggested using a speed bump to see if there are any results. Commissioner Wade said speed bumps would be expensive, so we should start with something we can afford. Commissioner Heinritz said there are speed bumps that could be temporary.

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to recommend the installation of a temporary speed bump at the intersection of Donges Bay Road and the OIT and to place a temporary yield to pedestrians sign at the center of Donges Bay Road.

RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY:	Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY:	Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

Tim Grube left the meeting at 8:35a.m.

B. Railroad Tracks at OIT and Donges Bay Rd

Assistant City Engineer Henk indicated that the railroad is slated to repair the railroad crossing by October 31, 2017.

C. OIT Crossing at County Line

Chairwoman Leonard made a motion to table the discussion of the OIT crossing at County Line Road.

RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY:	Chairwoman Leonard
SECONDED BY:	Commissioner Wade

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

4. Discussion/Action Items

A. Safety Concerns

1. Thiensville - Main St & Green Bay Rd crosswalk

Commissioner Azinger stated that the intersection of Main Street & Green Bay Rd is generally unsafe. Motorists are running the red light, a longer yellow light or longer red light allowing pedestrians to cross. Commissioner Heinritz agreed that it is dangerous.

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to meet with the Village of Thiensville to discuss the timing of the lights at Main Street and Green Bay Road.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Chairwoman Leonard

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

2. Thiensville - Elm St & Green Bay Rd crosswalk

Commissioner Zinger stated that cars are unaware of people crossing that intersection and something needs to be done. He recommends more signage.

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to meet with the Village of Thiensville to discuss additional signage at Elm Street and Green Bay Road.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Chairwoman Leonard

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

3. Mequon - Cedarburg Rd S. of Mequon Rd – shoulders.

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to dismiss this item from the agenda.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

B. Resident Survey

1. Sample Bicycle Survey Questions

Chairwoman Leonard said that there is not a sample to discuss for this meeting. The commission members should think about questions and have samples ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Azinger stated that the survey they did in 200's seemed to be somewhat vague and inconclusive. Commissioner Stewart stated that a survey raises awareness of the existence bikeway commission and there is someone out there who listens to concerns. Chairwoman Leonard said the idea of the survey came up during the winter of last year and the whole idea of the survey is to find out how important biking and pedestrian access matters to the public and to find out if you are willing to raise your taxes to pay for it. Commissioner Wade also stated that to have any leg with the Common Council, we need to have people say that biking is important. Chairwoman Leonard said that it is really to get some resident feedback and it might turn out that they don't but then that gives us an idea of how we should proceed. Commissioner Sewart said that she feels it is important to people with families and retired people. They want to have streets that they can bike and walk and run on. Chairwoman Leonard said we are trying to get more pointed questions and agrees that the 2030 plan questions were kind of vague. Commissioner Azinger said the questions should be phrased with options for answers and specific enough to give room for suggestions.

Chairwoman Leonard made a motion to table the survey discussion until next month.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Chairwoman Leonard
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

C. Priority Information List

1. Review List

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to leave the Priority Information List as is.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

2. 2018 Road Plan Updates

Assistant City Engineer Henk indicated that there is currently only roadway maintenance included in the 2018 road improvement plan.

D. Bike Racks

1. Standard Bike Rack Plan

Chairwoman Leonard made a motion to table the discussion of the Standard Bike Rack Plan.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Chairwoman Leonard
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Azinger

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to recommend a line item be added to the budget to fund the bike rack plan.

Chairwoman Leonard asked to clarify the motion whether it was to fund the bike rack plan or bike racks. The bike rack plan has not been developed or specific funding amounts. Commissioner Azinger withdrew his motion.

RESULT: Withdrawn [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger

E. Grant Availability

Chairwoman Leonard made a motion to table the discussion of grant availability.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Chairwoman Leonard
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Wade

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

5. Other Business

Commissioner Heinritz asked to have 2050 Visioning Plan by SEWRPAC, E-Bike discussion and Bike Federation's Maintaining Bike Infrastructure in the State added to next month's agenda.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Azinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Wade, Sewart, Azinger

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Vento