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Public Works Department

JOINT BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN WAY COMMISSION
Friday, December 2, 2016
9:45 AM
Administration Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

- Ron Heinritz
- Chairman Carol Leonard
- Terence Mooney
- Kristin Wade
- Maggie Sewart

Absent:

- John Liegeois
- Daniel Waschow

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 7, 2016

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

MOVED BY: Wade

SECONDED BY: Heinritz

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

ABSENT: John Liegeois, Daniel Waschow

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.)

John Krueger, a teacher at Homestead High School, promotes safe biking in the community through the use of the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail (OIT) and mountain biking. He also has a group of Boy Scouts who wish to earn their merit badges in mountain biking and were wondering what happened to the proposed trails at MeeKwon Park. C. Leonard noted that it has been taken off the agenda. She has been trying to contact Andrew Struck to see what's happening with the mountain biking and will contact J. Krueger when she has some information.

4. Discussion/Action Items

a. Bike Racks

1. Bike Racks

C. Leonard asked R. Heinritz if the Village would be interested in adding bike racks to the Village Park rebuild as there is some availability of grant money for projects up to \$10,000 through People for bikes. J. Keegan stated that as part of the Towne Center Streetscape we do have new bike racks installed.

2. Standard Bike Rack Plan

A motion was made to Table Standard Bike Rack Plan as J. Liegeois is not here today.

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

AYES: Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

ABSENT: Liegeois, Waschow

b. Annual Bike Ride

C. Leonard stated that the M-T School District is doing a run the morning of the Taste of Mequon and that there was another event scheduled that day as well. M. Sewart suggested holding the ride Memorial Weekend. The group was asked to consider for next month's meeting.

c. Grant Availability

C. Leonard said she will suggest looking into grants such as People for Bikes. They do two grant cycles per year. They award up to \$10,000 or about half the cost of a project every six months. They have grants for both private and municipal entities.

C. Leonard motioned to do research for Grant funding for Item 16 on the Priority Information List - Pt Washington Rd-Off Road Bike Path east of Pt Washington Rd between Fairy Chasm and Zedler Lane.

M. Sewart asked about private funding. C. Leonard said that this project is at least a seven figure project. J. Keegan said one thing to consider for the We-Energies substation was any available WisDOT local funding sources. K. Wade asked about Rails for Trails funding. C. Leonard relied they were for abandoned railways.

C. Leonard motioned to do research for Grant funding for Item 16 on the Priority Information List.

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

AYES: Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

ABSENT: Liegeois, Waschow

d. Priority Information List

C. Leonard attended the last Common Council meeting in which the Common Council removed \$33,000 from the budget for Bike Infrastructure and Improvements. The addition of bike lanes to Donges Bay Rd is the number one item on our Priority Information List.

J. Keegan mentioned that there is a path between Wauwatosa Road and Cedarburg Road that is an off road shared use path west of Wauwatosa along Donges Bay Road. The proposed bike lanes would connect the off road shared use path to the OIT. C. Leonard stated that since they have been making improvements on the east side to the paths you see more people biking, walking, and using the paths to go to the stores, walking to the restaurants and vehicles seem to be more respectful of the shoulder markings and that people might be using that shoulder for something other than a vehicle. K. Wade said we have great paths to the west and now have the opportunity to connect. C. Leonard asked everyone to call and e-mail their council representatives. This item has been on the list since its original inception in 2010. M. Sewart said that people moving here want to bike and walk to parks. C. Leonard asked J. Keegan how much more expensive an off road path would be than widening a road. J. Keegan stated that it depends on property impacts. C. Leonard stated that we are still of the mindset that people use their cars, but that is changing as people are developing healthy attitudes. K. Wade asked if we should put together a letter to circulate asking people to take a stand and support spending the \$78,000.

R. Heinritz moved to send a letter

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [4 to 1]
MOVED BY: Heinritz
SECONDED BY: Wade

AYES: Heinritz, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

NAYS: Chairman Leonard

ABSENT: Liegeois, Waschow

K. Wade will write the letter. C. Leonard said she would circulate it.

5. Other Business

a. Tentative 2017 Schedule

T. Mooney moved to adopt the calendar as proposed.

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

AYES: Heinritz, Chairman Leonard, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

ABSENT: Liegeois, Waschow

The March 3rd meeting C. Leonard will not be able to attend and is looking to have someone else chair the meeting verses canceling.

The next meeting: January 6th, 2017

6. Adjourn

At 10:45 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made.

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

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Mooney, Wade, Sewart

ABSENT: John Liegeois, Daniel Waschow

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