



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, May 25, 2010

5:00 PM

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month;
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 260 (Madison Municipal Building)
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: 5 -

Ron J. Prince; Paul E. Skidmore; Judy Bowser; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 6 -

Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Charles W. Strawser III and Bridget R. Maniaci

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 27, 2010

A motion was made by Bowser, seconded by Holloway, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

De Vos arrived at 5:03 p.m. after approval of minutes. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 6 -

Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Paul E. Skidmore; Judy Bowser; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 5 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Charles W. Strawser III and Bridget R. Maniaci

B. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

B.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Bowser, to nominate Webber as Chair. Skidmore nominated Holloway as Chair, Holloway declined the nomination. Following three calls for further nominations and none made, the motion to elect Webber as Chair passed by the following vote:

Excused: 4 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon and Charles W. Strawser III

Ayes: 4 -

Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Judy Bowser and Robert M. Holloway

Noes: 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

Non Voting: 1 -
Robbie Webber

A motion was made by Bowser, seconded by Holloway, to nominate Ron Prince as Vice-Chair. Following three calls for further nominations and none made, a motion was made by Bowser, seconded by Holloway to cast a unanimous ballot for Prince for Vice-Chair. The motion passed by voice vote.

B.2. [18553](#) Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission Rules and Procedures

A motion was made by Bowser, seconded by Prince to adopt the rules and procedures. The motion passed by voice vote.

B.3. Reconfirm meeting schedule of fourth Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Bowser to reconfirm the meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

Compton arrived at 5:10 after item B.3. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 7 -
Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Judy Compton; Paul E. Skidmore; Judy Bowser; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 4 -
Aaron S. P. Crandall; Bryon A. Eagon; Charles W. Strawser III and Bridget R. Maniaci

B.4. Appointments to Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee and Joint West Campus Area Committee

De Vos expressed interest in serving on the Joint West Campus Area Committee. Bowser motioned, seconded by Holloway to refer appointments to the June meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

D. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

Crandall arrived at 5:11 and Eagon arrived at 5:20 during item D.1. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 9 -
Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Judy Bowser; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 2 -
Charles W. Strawser III and Bridget R. Maniaci

D.1. [18575](#) Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, first quarter 2010

Lt. Bitterman presented the 2010 First Quarter 2010 Traffic Enforcement Activity report. There were three significant crashes investigated by Traffic Specialists, which is a decrease from last year. Compton stated that she called the non-emergency police number to report a speeding and aggressive driver to have a warning letter sent to that driver and was told that the police

department does not send warning letters to people who are reported by citizens. Compton stated that communication and connectivity between the speeders hotline and the non-emergency police number is needed so that citizens can report observed violations by dialing either phone number.

Compton requested that crash data be included in the quarterly traffic reports. Skidmore stated that he would like to see a change so that Adult School Crossing Guards (ASCG) have authority to write citations for various offenses. Currently, ASCGs can only issue citations for failure to stop for a crossing guard. Skidmore asked if there is anything that can be changed on the local level to address this. Staff suggested contacting the City Attorney for information. Compton stated that Dane County Sheriffs are issuing tickets on city of Madison streets and requested that the Madison Police Department include information on the number of citations issued by Dane County on city of Madison streets.

Prince asked if there is data on the number of observed violations per school. TE staff will provide that information to the Commission. Webber stated that a city-funded pedestrian-driver safety education program could help address some of these conflicts.

Compton moved to suspend the rules to take Item F.2. out of order, passed by general consent.

E. PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M. - ANNUAL PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- E.1. [18554](#) Public Hearing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects the City should Consider in the 2011-2013 Capital Budget to increase opportunities for walking and bicycling in Madison

Webber opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to receive public input on bicycle/pedestrian projects.

Registrants:

Christopher Berge, 811 Jenifer St, 53703 spoke in support of building a bike-in restaurant on the Southwest Path provided several handouts for the proposal (attached). The Commission stated that they would be interested in discussing the proposal at a future meeting but that it should be presented to other Commissions such as the Plan Commission and Parks Commission.

Jay Ferm, 2925 Hermina St., 53704 provided a list of requests for capital projects (see attached) and spoke in support of these requests. Compton asked for Ferm's top priority on the list. Ferm responded that converting East Mifflin into a full bike boulevard is his highest priority. Compton asked if Ferm would send a ranked priority list of the submitted projects to the Commission (attached).

Chris Fortune, 2118 Waunona Way, 53713 spoke in support of developing a comprehensive bike plan in Madison and Dane County.

Kevin Luecke and Amanda White, representing the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, 101 E. Doty Street, Suite 400, 53703 submitted a list of project recommendations (attached) and spoke in support of the projects. The recommendations include the creation of a comprehensive city-wide bike plan,

an increase in capital expenditures on pedestrian and bicycle projects to \$4 million annually and continued funding of the Safe Routes to School program.

Larry Winkler, representing Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association spoke in support of painting bike lanes on Hammersley Road from Whitney Way to the Southwest Path, and requested pedestrian improvements around Orchard Ridge and Tokey Schools where there are no existing sidewalks in most areas or pick-up and drop-off zones. The neighborhood is working on a proposal to address the concerns for pedestrian access to Orchard Ridge and Tokey Schools.

Darin Burleigh, 5018 Tomahawk Tr, 53705 spoke in support of widening the bike lane on Seminole Highway, and making changes to prevent motorists from crossing into the bike lane where the road curves (comments attached).

Hans Noeldner, 133 W. Lincoln St, 53575 spoke in support of an overpass at Perry Street to cross the Beltline.

Jerry Sieling, 2586 Nutone Ct, Fitchburg, WI, Chair of the Fitchburg Transportation Committee, spoke in support of the Perry Street overpass project.

Brigit Brown, 29 E. Wilson St. #308, 53703 (see attached for written comments)

Luke Batchelor-Clark, 537 Pawling St. Madison, WI 53703 representing himself and Machinery Row and Budget Bicycles, spoke in support of increased information, maps, and signage along bike paths to inform people of destinations and mileage along bike routes.

The public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1. [18243](#) Determining a Public Purpose and Necessity and Adopting a Relocation Order for the acquisition of land interests located at 220 Merry Street, 230 Merry Street and 1626 Winnebago Street for the completion of the Yahara River Parkway and Pedestrian Path, and amending the 2010 Parks Division Capital Budget.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Compton, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F.2. [18272](#) Amending Section 12.1339(1) of the Madison General Ordinances to facilitate street cleaning by allowing the enforcement of parking restrictions.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F.3. [18577](#) Discussion on the rules governing railroad operations and enforcement

Christy Bachman, City Engineering, distributed a map showing the locations of existing quiet zones in the city. The cost to the City is approximately \$200,000 - \$300,000 to upgrade a crossing to a quiet zone. Quiet zones are approved and managed by federal regulation. Compton asked for information on when

whistle blows are mandatory. Bachman will provide that information to members at next month's meeting as an informational attachment.

- F.4. Presentation on short-term options at Regent St/Monroe St

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

G. REPORTS

- G.1. Platinum Biking Plan quarterly update

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Crandall to refer to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

- G.2. **15487** Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

Plan Commission
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
Joint West Campus Area Committee
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee

Plan Commission: The Plan Commission heard an informational presentation by Erdman Development on a development proposal at Whitney Way and University. The proposal will go to the Council for introduction this summer. PBMVC would like this item to be referred to the PBMVC. Compton stated that she would also like to see the proposal for the grocery store on Cottage Grove referred to PBMVC as well.

L RTPC: L RTPC discussed the multimodal station to be built. DOT has now signed the contracts with the Federal Rail Administration.

Joint West Campus Area Committee: The Charter Street Heating Plant rebuild was discussed.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- H.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary

Ride the Drive will take place Sunday, June 6th.

- H.2. General Announcements by Chair - None

- H.3. Commission member items for future agendas

De Vos requested information on which items come before the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission for approval. She specifically referred to the issue of bike boxes, noted that considerable resources were being expended to make them although the PBMVC had never been consulted on the issue, and said the issue was similar to the need for prioritizing resources spent on crossing guards. Staff will provide information on which projects for all modes of travel go to which committees/commissions for approval and spending authority and when those projects are funded.

Crandall requested an update on the newly installed bike boxes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn . The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.