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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, August 24, 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

Present: 6 -

Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore and Robbie Webber

Excused: 5 -

Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III; Robert M. Holloway and Bridget R. Maniaci

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 27, 2010

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

C.1. [19638](#)

Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, second quarter 2010

Lt. Bitterman provided the second quarter 2010 traffic report. 7,108 total traffic citations were issued by the Madison Police Department in the second quarter of 2010, a slight decrease compared with the second quarter of 2009.

193 right-of-way violations (failure to yield to pedestrians) were issued this quarter, compared to 63 citations last quarter. Citations issued to bicyclists increased from 19 to 81. There was a decline in OWI citations issued from 197 to 174 for this quarter compared to the second quarter 2009. Alder Compton asked why there was a decline in the number of OWI citations. Lt. Bitterman responded that the reasons are unknown.

Alder Skidmore stated that there were approximately 400 violations of excessive speed in school zones observed, and asked how many citations were issued. Lt. Bitterman stated that there were no citations; typically warning letters are sent in the mail.

Skidmore requested information on how many citations are issued to bicyclists for not having a valid registration, how many bicycles by district are legally registered, how many total bicycles are in Madison, and what the MPD policy is on checking bicycle registration. Bitterman stated that he would look into the

requested information and report back to the Commission. Police officers are able to check vehicle registration during traffic stops for motor vehicles through the state TIME system. Bitterman stated that bicycle registration is not in the TIME system and officers may not have access to the bicycle registration database while on the street.

C.2. [19639](#)

Informational presentation on the priority of enforcement of traffic laws in regard to pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle movements

Madison Police Department is committed to enforcement of traffic laws for all modes of transportation. There are 15 deployments scheduled for bicycle grant initiatives, 15 for pedestrian initiatives, 46 deployments for alcohol, and 33 for speed this year. 244 citations/warnings have been issued under the pedestrian and bicycle grant initiatives in 2010.

How do individual officers prioritize which traffic violations they are going to enforce? Bitterman stated that officers enforce all traffic laws as part of their duties. Officers may make decisions and prioritize traffic enforcement priorities based a variety of factors, such as the potential consequences of an action, whether or not they witnessed the infraction, and whether they are on a call and a stop would delay the officer.

C.3. [19642](#)

Informational presentation on training provided for Police Department officers on traffic laws as they relate to bicyclists

Officers receive twelve hours of instruction on traffic law in academy, a portion of which is specifically related to bicycles.

D. PRESENTATIONS

D.1. [19647](#)

Update and presentation by the Erdman Development Group on the proposed development at Whitney Way and University

Registrants: Jane Grabowski-Miller, 6720 Frank Lloyd Wright, Middleton, WI representing Erdman Development Group and Brian Munson, 120 East Lakeside St, Madison, representing Erdman Real Estate Holdings LLC; spoke in support of item D.1. Michael Kienitz, 5108 Tomahawk Trail spoke in opposition to item D.1.

The GDP has been submitted. The street layout has been changed to reduce cut - through traffic and speeds. The entrance off University Ave was reconfigured with a central green and diagonal parking. The changes allow lot 12 to be moved to a central parking location to make the area more pedestrian and bike friendly. The focus is to create a system for pedestrians and bikes within the street corridor system and a parallel off-street system as well as create connections to University and other areas including the dedication of the connection for the Good Neighbor Trail.

De Vos asked about the number of parking spaces planned and what the ratio of land used for parking is to the overall development. Munson replied that the specific number of spaces has not been determined. A comprehensive transportation demand management plan is required before SIPs are developed and will provide more specific information on parking needs. Structured parking is preferable to surface parking to maximize land use and to create an urban setting.

Michael Kienitz, speaking in opposition, stated that he looked into the popularity of the park and ride and does not think that it will be utilized. He stated that he was informed that only 5-10 people per day use the park and ride. Kienitz stated that travel is already difficult to access University at any time of day, and that an additional 2600 cars will create more traffic. Kienitz stated that the development area is a wellhead protection area and expressed concern for water pollution from construction and the additional vehicles.

Munson stated that a bike park and ride program was piloted this summer, where people could park their vehicle and ride the trail on bicycle. Munson stated that any trips that can reduce traffic is a benefit to the project and the area.

Webber asked about the traffic study. Munson replied that KL Engineering was hired to do the study and it has been completed and submitted for review. KL worked with Engineering and Traffic Engineering to incorporate the study into the corridor study to see how this project will affect the regional system. The study indicated that the project will not create a burden on regional traffic and that much of the traffic traveling to the area is already traveling through the corridor.

Webber asked what will be done in phase one and if there will be structured parking as part of the first phase. Munson replied that it is preferred to have structured parking in the first phase, but it will depend on the market. The street and exterior sidewalks, and dedicating the right of way for the Good Neighbor bike path as part of phase one. Other specifics of development and actual configurations will not known until SIPs are developed. Webber stated that the additional walkways and bike paths are important infrastructure that should be included in phase one.

E. NEW BUSINESS

- E.1. [19357](#) Amending Section 12.128(12)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to conform the definition of "Unregistered motor vehicle" to the definition in Wis. Stat. Sec. 341.65(1) (b).

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

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- F.1. [19646](#) Discussion on the draft zoning code ordinance related to bicycle parking

The zoning code rewrite is in process. PBMVC will follow the activity on the zoning code rewrite and will make final recommendations as appropriate. A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to refer item F.1. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

G. REPORTS

- G.1. [19645](#) Report and discussion on the progress of 2008/2009 Platinum priorities

Members recieved a report on the progress of 2008-09 Platinum priorities. Compton moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Skidmore. The motion passed by voice vote/ other. Webber will write a letter to the Mayor, department heads, and alders requesting their priorities and that they review and provide feedback on the list of comments from the 2011-2013 pedestrian and bicycle capital projects public hearing. The deadline for input and comment will be January 2011.

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

LRTPC: Bill Schaefer gave an update on TIP which will be going to the Transportation Planning Board for public comment in September and action in October. There was an update on the high speed rail station- the station will be owned and operated by the state; the required parking is still being discussed; bikes will be allowed on the train as roll on/roll off; there is a stakeholder users group being appointed. Corridor construction will start fall of 2010.

Joint West Campus Area Committee will meet Wednesday, August 25th and will be discussing various developments.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

H.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary - None

H.2. General announcements by Chair - None

H.3. Commission member items for future agendas

De Vos stated that the discussion on how projects are funded and the TIP presentation at the July 2010 meeting did not answer her original question about the funding and approval process for bike boxes and other pedestrian/bicycle projects.

De Vos requested information in the form of a correspondence from City Traffic Engineer, David Dryer, on the approval and funding process for the painting of the bike boxes.

De Vos requested a future agenda item on what the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission's role is on prioritizing and approving pedestrian/bicycle projects and funding for the projects. Webber stated that this agenda item corresponds with the request for information on the Mayor's priorities for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.