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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, January 26, 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 5:07 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Robbie Webber; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Bridget R. Maniaci

Absent: 1 -

Paul E. Skidmore

Excused: 3 -

Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III and Robert M. Holloway

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 24, 2009

De Vos stated that the registrant's statement under item B. should be moved to section D.1. A motion was made by De Vos, seconded by Prince, to Approve the Minutes with the change. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Skidmore arrived at 5:12 p.m., after the approval of minutes. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 8 -

Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 3 -

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B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C.1. [16702](#) Public Works Bikeway Maintenance Plan

Kathy Cryan presented and answered questions from members about the Public Works Bikeway Maintenance Plan. Webber asked if the on-street bike lanes on main roads could be swept during the winter when roads are dry and free of snow. The sand deposits create a hazard for bicyclists. Kathy Cryan will check with Streets Department on whether sweeping can be done on arterial bike routes.

Webber stated that there are a number of City facilities, i.e., parks and libraries

that need bike racks. There were a number of bike racks removed from State Street. Can those old racks be used at locations in need of bike racks? Arthur Ross will inventory the racks stored at Breese Stevens Field and identify locations where there is a need for bike racks.

Webber requested to receive a report from the Police Department regarding the removal of abandoned bicycles. More specifically, what is the policy, and how is the Police property room coordinating with the bike registration program? What is the new policy now that bikes are being sent to California for auction? How long are bikes retained and what efforts are made to return bikes to their owners if they are not registered? Webber also requested to know if there is an effort to tag bikes regularly, so that abandoned bicycles will be removed and will free up bicycle parking space.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Crandall, to accept the report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to Suspend the Rules to take item D.7 out of order after C.1. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- D.1. [16427](#) Requesting that the Department of Transportation lower the speed limit on a portion of US Hwy 51 to 35 mph from intersection with STH 30 to the intersection of US Hwy 12-18.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER: Recommend to adopt with an amendment to replace the language "from intersection with STH 30 to the intersection of US HWY 12-18" with "from the north to south borders through the City of Madison". The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Under suspension of the rules, Items D.3. and D.4. were taken out of order after D.1.

- D.2. [16906](#) Amending Section 12.137(262) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow for a Badger Bus stop on the 600 Block of West Washington Avenue.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER: Recommend to adopt with the word "Badger" removed from the ordinance.

A friendly amendment by Maniaci was accepted to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER: Recommend to adopt with the recommendations that the City look into creating a policy regarding the use of City streets by commercial buses as recommended by the TPC, and to remove the word "Badger" from the ordinance.

The amended motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 3 -

Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III and Robert M. Holloway

Ayes: 6 -

Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Ron J. Prince; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Bridget R. Maniaci

Noes: 1 -

Susan M. De Vos

Non Voting: 1 -

Robbie Webber

D.3. [16938](#) Determining a Public Purpose and Necessity and adopting a Relocation Order for the acquisition of land interests required for the construction of the Old Middleton Road from Capital Avenue to Countryside Lane - Engineering Project No. 53B0765. (17th AD)

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

D.4. [17062](#) Amending Section 12.1339(1) of the Madison General Ordinances to facilitate street cleaning in Madison's fifth aldermanic district by allowing the enforcement of parking restrictions.

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

Item D.6. was taken out of order, after item D.4., under suspension of the rules.

D.5. [16709](#) SUBSTITUTE Authorizing a second amendment to the lease between the City of Madison and Madison-Kipp Corporation within the East Rail Transportation Corridor.

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

D.6. [17210](#) 2010 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Priority List

De Vos stated that TE staff provided the full list of NTMP projects in previous years, and would like to continue to receive the full list.

A motion was made by Compton, seconded by Eagon, to accept the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program priority list and adopt its recommendations. The motion passed by voice vote/other. De Vos abstained from voting.

D.7. [17209](#) Adult School Crossing Guards: Requests from Thoreau Elementary, Van Hise Elementary, and St. Dennis School

Elizabeth Fritz, 2775 Richardson, 53711, Principal of Thoreau Elementary School, spoke in support of an Adult School Crossing Guard (ASCG) at Thoreau Elementary School. About 1.5 years ago, a cement loading zone was installed across the street from Thoreau and a crosswalk was installed. Parents currently are parking their vehicles in the loading zone to walk their children across Nakoma Rd. On December 13th, there was an accident in which a vehicle crashed into the fence outside the school while children were at recess.

Lisa McLennan, 4242 Mandan Cresc, 53711, registered in support of an ASCG.

Sarah Edgerton, 5613 Westbury PI, 53711 registered in support of an ASCG.

Fran Wong, 1032 Moorland Rd, Madison, spoke in support of an ASCG at Van Hise Elementary.

Peg Keeler, 8719 Horizon Ct., 53562, principal of Van Hise Elementary, spoke in support of an ASCG at Van Hise Elementary. Keeler also stated that the staggered start and end times for elementary and middle school students is critical for the safety of the kids. There is a proposal for the elementary and middle school students to be let out 8-9 times next year at the same time. Patti Knoche recently recorded a video on a day when Van Hise and Hamilton were let out at the same time. Maniaci requested that a copy of the video be given to TE staff.

Beth Cantwell, 625 E. Dayton St., 53703, spoke in support of an ASCG at Van Hise Elementary.

Brian Conger, 853 E. Johnson St #2, 53703 of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, spoke in support of ASCG at all requested locations and stated that he supports crossing guards as a way to increase safety and encourage more students to walk and bike to school. The PBMVC requested an update from Conger on the Safe Routes to School program. Conger will give the PBMVC an update and an upcoming meeting.

Susan Willis, 4150 Nakoma Rd, 53711 spoke in support of an ASCG at Thoreau Elementary.

Stephanie Robinson, 1014 Tumalo Tr, Madison, spoke in support of an ASCG Thoreau Elementary. Robinson stated that there needs to be a sidewalk extended to the loading zone. Robinson also requested additional strategies be explored for increasing school zone safety at Thoreau.

Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne, Madison & Dane County Public Health Department, spoke in support of an ASCG at Van Hise and Thoreau Elementary Schools.

Skidmore asked staff if there is a comprehensive city plan for identifying locations and rating needs for ASCGs. Staff responded that there is criteria to determine if an ASCG is needed at a particular location. Staff relies on the community and schools to identify the locations where ASCGs are needed. Maniaci requested that staff provide a map of all of the locations of schools with ASCGs. Maniaci also requested that staff include the accident from December 13th in the evaluation for the ASCG at Thoreau Elementary.

A motion was made by Eagon, seconded by Compton, to Approve the recommendations for an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thoreau and Van Hise Elementary Schools with a recommendation that staff examine the possibility of extending the sidewalk at Thoreau Elementary, and to place on file without prejudice St. Dennis Elementary School. Maniaci requested a roll call vote. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 3 -

Judy Bowser; Charles W. Strawser III and Robert M. Holloway

Ayes: 8 -

Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Judy Compton and Bridget R. Maniaci

E. REPORTS

E.1. 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
School Traffic Safety Committee

LRTPC: discussed the resolution regarding the speed limit reduction on Hwy 51, and discussed various aspects of the Zoning code rewrite.

Joint Southeast: Strawser provided a written report, (attached). Chazen Museum will be completed summer of 2011. A section of Observatory Drive will be closed this summer for a utilities project. South Campus Union will be open March 2011. The intersection of Campus Drive and Old University will be changed.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F.1. 17341 General announcements by Executive Secretary

Copies of Al Schumacher's email response to De Vos regarding a question about snow removal equipment to clear curb ramps were distributed to members. Madison has not pursued purchasing the snow removal equipment for preventing snow deposits at curb ramps/driveways due to the additional time it takes to plow, equipment maintenance issues, and the limited number of plows able to be equipped with the gate.

F.2. General announcements by Chair - None

F.3. Commission member items for future agendas

- Update on Safe Routes to School
- Report from Police Department on coordination with the property room and bicycle registration program
- Process for updating the Pedestrian Plan

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Crandall, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.