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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, May 26, 2009

5:00 PM

Room 260, Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -

Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall
and Bridget R. Maniaci

Absent: 2 -

Judy Compton and Charles W. Strawser III

Excused: 2 -

Mary P. Conroy and Susan M. De Vos

Judy Compton arrived at 5:10 p.m. Charles W. Strawser III arrived at 5:13 p.m.

A. SELECTION OF MEETING CHAIR

A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Skidmore to Elect Robbie Webber as the Meeting Chair. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 24, 2009

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Crandall, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other. A new roll call is shown to reflect the arrival of Judy Compton and Chuck Strawser.

Present: 7 -

Judy Compton; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Robbie Webber;
Charles W. Strawser III; Aaron S. P. Crandall and Bridget R. Maniaci

Excused: 2 -

Mary P. Conroy and Susan M. De Vos

C. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Commission thanked outgoing members Mark Shahan, Cheryl Wittke, Beth Whitaker, and Mary Conroy for their service. Mark Shahan was present and spoke about his time on the Commission.

Introductions of new Commission members Alder Byron A. Eagon and Alder Bridget R. Maniaci were made.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

E. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

E.1. [14775](#) Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, 1st Quarter 2009

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Compton to refer the report to the June meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

G.1 [14774](#) Public Hearing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects the City should Consider in the 2010-2012 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. The Commission took a five minute recess. Robbie Webber called the Commission back into session at 6:05 p.m.

Registrants:

Mary Schroud, 1605 S. Golf Glen E, 53704 lives on the north side of Madison which does not offer any safe routes for biking. Schroud supports creating a bike path on the north side of town as an alternative to riding on Sherman Ave. Schroud suggested adding a bike path to extend from Cherokee Marsh to Johnson Street. Chuck Strawser asked Schroud how she felt about adding bike lanes to Sherman Ave. She stated that bike lanes on Sherman Ave. would be an improvement.

Staff stated that the proposed Sherman Flyer would connect just past Aberg.

Brian Conger, 853 E. Johnson St., #2, 53705, representing the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin

- Spoke to urge Madison to continue to be a leader in encouraging bicycling opportunities and expanding bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Conger will submit a list of specific recommendations for projects on behalf of the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin.

Brian Conger, speaking as a citizen, supports:

- A bike path on the north side and stated that the north side is not enjoyable as a pedestrian.
- Chuck Strawser asked Conger if he supported adding bike lanes on Sherman by reducing the road to one lane each way and having a bike path on each side. Conger stated that he would support it and has seen similar projects work well.
- Supports a connector from Johnson to the north side of town
- Improve the intersection at Monroe and Regent by adding a bicycle signal light
- Change the intersection at Machinery Rowe and John Nolen Drive.

Raymond Resch, 4517 McCann Rd, 53714

- SW trail to Lakeshore Path
- Connector from SW trail to Wingra Path by Vilas Zoo

- Connector from Tenney Park to Warner Park
- Regas Rd to the Isthmus Path to connect the post office.

Staff stated that the East Branch of the Starkweather Creek Path would meet the request to connect the Isthmus Path with the post office.

Chris Fortune, 2118 Waunona Way, spoke in support of greater cycling opportunities and stated that Madison should continue to work toward creating great cycling by investing in infrastructure. People will bicycle and walk more when there are safe opportunities for people to do it.

Kristine Stepenuck, 2106 Pike Drive, 53713

Supports a bike path crossing near Todd Drive or Fish Hatchery Road over the Beltline. Robbie Webber stated that there are two proposals that would meet Stepenuck's request: the proposed Cannonball trail is between Fish Hatchery and Todd Drive with a bridge over the Beltline. The proposed Perry Street Overpass is a proposed overpass on Fish Hatchery Road and Park Street and would link with Syene Road.

Maria-Christina Jackson, 311 N. Hancock St. #132, 53703 spoke in support of a path to cross the Beltline near Fish Hatchery Road to downtown. Robbie Webber stated that the proposed Cannonball Trail would meet that request. The Cannonball Trail is currently planned, but awaiting funding.

Written Comments: See attachments for public comments submitted via email.

Robbie Webber closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

H. NEW BUSINESS

- H.1. [14262](#) Communication dated March 27, 2009 from J. Boll, President Junction Ridge Neighborhood Association re: traffic calming devices on Elderberry Road.
- The Commission discussed item H.1 after item C. Alder Skidmore made a motion, seconded by Alder Compton to refer the communication to the Traffic Engineering Division staff. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- H.2. [14772](#) Adult School Crossing Guard Assignments: Requests from Marquette, Olson, and Falk Elementary Schools
- The Commission discussed item H.2. on Adult School Crossing Guards after item H.1
- Marquette Adult Crossing Guard Assignment:
- Registrants:
- Dianne Scherschel, 1233 Sherman, 53705, spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge.
- Andrea Kreft, Marquette Elementary School Principal, 1501 Jenifer St., spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge.
- Mary Zillman, 949 Harvey Terrace, representing Marquette Elementary School,

spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge.

Kay Enright, O'Keefe Middle School Principal, spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge.

Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne, Public Health Madison and Dane County, 210 MLK Jr., spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge.

Alder Marsha Rummel, spoke in support of assigning an Adult School Crossing Guard at Thornton Ave. at the Jenifer St. bridge. Alder Rummel asked if staff had looked at the placement of an additional stop sign at the intersection of Thornton Ave. and Jenifer Street.

Staff stated that there is a stop sign on Jenifer Street and that the intersection most likely would not meet the criteria for an all-way stop.

Alder Rummel asked if adding a guard at Thornton Ave. and Jenifer St. would result in the removal of a guard from another location.

Staff stated that the placement of an additional Adult School Crossing Guard will require a budget amendment to the Police Department budget to fund the cost associated with the addition of a new guard. An Adult School Crossing Guard will not be removed from another location. The annual cost per crossing guard is between \$5,000 and \$6,000 which would be prorated for the budget amendment for the remainder of the year.

Chuck Strawser stated that a stop sign on Thornton Ave may be warranted and that the intersection should be reviewed for placement of a stop sign. Strawser requested that a future agenda contain an item to discuss placing a speed table at the pedestrian crosswalk at Jenifer and Thornton.

A motion was made by Alder Compton, seconded by Alder Maniaci to accept the staff recommendation to add an Adult Crossing Guard at the Thornton Ave. and Jenifer St. Bridge location. The motion passed by voice vote.

Falk Adult Crossing Guard Assignment:

Registrants:

Lynn Winn, Falk Elementary School Principal, 6323 Woodington Way, Madison, WI 53711, spoke in support of relocating the Adult School Crossing Guard from Hammersley and Prairie to Hammersley and Theresa where the majority of children are crossing.

A motion was made by Strawser, seconded by Alder Compton to relocate the Adult School Crossing Guard from Hammersley and Prairie to Hammersley and Theresa. The motion passed by voice vote.

Olson Adult Crossing Guard Assignment:

Registrants:

Lisa Bullard-Cawthorne, Public Health Madison and Dane County, 210 MLK Jr., spoke in support of keeping temporary assignment of the Adult School Crossing Guard at Red Tail and Redan for Olson Elementary School for an additional six months and stated that the crossing guard is needed to encourage more children to walk and bike to school.

A motion was made by Alder Skidmore, seconded by Alder Compton to continue the temporary assignment of the Adult School Crossing Guard at Olson Elementary School for six months. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: Susan M. De Vos

Ayes: Charles W. Strawser III; Alder Paul E. Skidmore; Alder Bridget R. Maniaci; Robbie Webber

Noes: Alder Judy Compton; Alder Bryon A. Eagon; Aaron S.P. Crandall

Alder Compton stated that while she seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion, she did not support the continuation of the temporary assignment at this location, because there are other locations with heavier traffic and more immediate needs for an Adult School Crossing Guard.

I. REPORTS

I.1. [10610](#) Reports Of Other Committees/Commissions (verbal reports for information only)

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

Plan Commission: The PBMVC does not currently have a representative from the Plan Commission.

Long Range Transportation Commission: The last meeting was cancelled. There will be an LRTPC joint meeting on June 18th at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is not a formal meeting of the PBMVC but is being posted in the event that a quorum of the Commission is present.

Joint West Campus Area Committee - Shorewood Hills is still working on the bike plan. Chuck Strawser is the new Pedestrian Bicycle Coordinator for the University.

Joint Southeast Campus - The last meeting was cancelled.

School Traffic Safety Committee- A number of people are working on the Safe Routes to School Plan, which will be a joint project between the City of Madison and the Madison Metropolitan School District. More information on that plan will follow.

I.2. [14821](#) Annual Update on Platinum Biking Plan recommendations

The Platinum Biking Plan was adopted April 8, 2008 by the Council. The Platinum Committee no longer exists and the PBMVC is responsible for follow-up on the plan. Arthur Ross gave an update on several recommendations that were identified for implementation in the immediate future.

Strawser moved, seconded by Alder Maniaci to refer the Platinum Biking Plan update to the next meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The Commission will receive a copy of the update prior to the next meeting and will finish discussion on the update at the next PBMVC meeting.

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary

Arthur Ross introduced the new Pedestrian Bicycle Motor Vehicle Commission Recording Secretary, Sabrina Tolley.

J.2. General announcements by Chair - None

J.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Alder Skidmore is exploring an ordinance change to prohibit passing on city streets. The Commission will place the item on the agenda after it has been introduced as an ordinance change.

The organizational meeting for the PBMVC will be held at the next meeting in June.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Strawser III, seconded by Crandall, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.