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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, July 26, 2011

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 -

Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 3 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ald. Jill Johnson and Charles W. Strawser III

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 28, 2011

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

Subeck arrived at 5:02 after the approval of minutes. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 7 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 2 -

Ald. Jill Johnson and Charles W. Strawser III

D. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

D.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Maniaci nominated Webber to continue as Chair and Prince as Vice-Chair until the current vacancies on the Commission are filled, at which time a new organizational meeting will be held, seconded by Prince. No other nominations were made. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

D.2. [23353](#)

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Rules and Procedures

A motion was made by Ald. Subeck, seconded by De Vos, to Approve the rules with the proposed changes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- D.3. Reconfirm meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Subeck, to reconfirm the meeting schedule of the fourth Tuesday of the month. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- D.4. Recommending appointments to Mayor for Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee and Long Range Transportation Planning Committee

Maniaci was recommended to serve on the Long Range Transportation Planning Committee. Webber will continue to serve as the other Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission representative.

Crandall was recommended to serve on the Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee.

Maniaci left at 5:15 after item D.4. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 6 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ron J. Prince; Susan M. De Vos; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robbie Webber and Robert M. Holloway

Excused: 3 -

Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Ald. Jill Johnson and Charles W. Strawser III

A motion was made by Subeck, seconded by Holloway to take item F.2. out of order under suspension of rules. Approved by voice vote/other. Item F.2. was taken up after D.4.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- E.1. [23411](#) Discussion on Fall 2011 Ride the Drive Event

Kevin Briski, City Parks Superintendent, and Anne Whisner of Parks presented information on the upcoming Ride the Drive event to take place on September 25, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Briski highlighted the main route changes from previous events, which should allow for better flow of traffic. Holloway suggested having a clearly defined end point to designate the opening of the road to motorized traffic. Crandall stated that last year he also noticed some confusion as to when the roads were opened back up to motorized traffic and the event had ended. Briski stated that they are working to improve this for the upcoming event. Subeck asked if there have been efforts to include businesses in the event. Briski stated that they have been working with businesses to include them. Crandall recommended they find ways to reduce congestion near vendors and information tents. Webber suggested having more street vendors in the less congested areas so there is more activity along the entire route.

- E.2. [22974](#) Discussion on Downtown Bike Parking

- Discuss legal issues of bike parking on public and private property
- Moped parking
- Discuss ways to increase the supply of bicycle parking downtown

Rebecca Cnare presented on proposals to increase bike parking on the concourse and State Street. Recommendations include a combination of extending existing racks, putting in new racks on State Street and other locations, and stronger enforcement efforts for abandoned bicycles.

Rosemary Lee commented that benches should not be removed from State Street to make room for bicycle racks. Cnare stated that benches would not be removed for the placement of new bicycle racks.

Registrants: Amanda White, Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, 106 E Doty St registered and spoke in support of more bicycle parking.

Mary Carbine, Madison Central BID, 122 W. Washington Ave, 53703 spoke in support of a balance of streetscapes and creating a more strategic approach to bike parking. Carbine supports the regular enforcement of bike parking, especially in the State Street area.

Sandra Torkildson, Greater State Street Business Association, 1214 Elizabeth, Madison, 53703 stated that open communication between the City and businesses is important. Businesses change and the needs for outdoor cafe space and other streetscapes will continue to change as well.

Holloway stated that from his own experience and the number of comments made related to the removal of abandoned bicycles that enforcement of abandoned bicycles is a significant issue. Holloway asked what the Police Department's level of enforcement and commitment to removal of bikes has been to date, such that the removal of abandoned bikes is perceived to be a problem. Staff responded that the Police Department would be the appropriate Department to address with questions about the program.

Webber asked if the removal of abandoned bicycles is required to be done by someone in the Police Department, or if the authority for the removal of abandoned bicycles could be given to another Department if PD does not feel they have adequate staffing levels to do this. Webber stated that there is an ordinance stating that bicycles cannot be parked for more than 48 hours in the public right of way. Cars are ticketed and towed if they violate this ordinance.

The Commission will request someone from the Police Department to attend a future meeting who can answer questions specifically about current policies, frequency and legal issues regarding the removal of bicycles.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- F.1. [22928](#) Request for All-Way Stop control at intersection of Kendall and Forest St.

A motion was made by Ald. Subeck, seconded by Crandall, to Place On File Without Prejudice. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: 3 -
Ald. Maniaci; Ald. Johnson and Strawser III

Ayes: 4 -
Ald. Subeck; Prince; Crandall and Holloway

Noes: 1 -
De Vos

Non Voting: 1 -
Webber

- F.2. [23329](#) Approving plans and specifications and authorizing the Traffic Engineering Division to reallocate roadway width via pavement markings on Segoe Rd from Mineral Point Road to Odana Rd and providing buffered bicycle lanes.

A motion was made by Ald. Subeck, seconded by Crandall, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER. The Commission recommends that Traffic Engineering educate residents and the public on how to use the bike lanes. A press release and media should be used to communicate and educate the public. Educational information will also be provided by Traffic Engineering to the Midvale Heights Neighborhood Association to include in their newsletter. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Registrants: Amanda White representing Bicycle Federation of WI, 106 E Doty St, spoke in support of the buffered bike lane.

Mike Scott, 629 S. Segoe Rd, 53711 spoke in neither support of opposition of the buffered bike lane. Scott stated that neighborhood residents need more information on how the bike lanes should be used. People get confused whether they should be making turns from the bike lane or not. Signage and education would likely make residents more comfortable with the bike lanes.

Kelly Murdock, 613 S. Segoe Rd, 53711 registered in opposition of the buffered bike lane. Written comments state, "Not enough info was provided regarding impact to both traffic and bike riders - increase of bikes on Segoe Road after this happens. Traffic regarding backup at the Tokay/Segoe Rd. intersection."

G. REPORTS

- G.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

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- H.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary

The public involvement process for the Block 88 plan for the will begin in August. There was a meeting with King Street businesses about putting a bike corral in; Harrison Street is another possible location for a bike corral. Staff is working on Hammersley Road bike lanes. TE is working with Planning on intercity buses and how to accomodate the buses stopping at Langdon St.

- H.2. General announcements by Chair

- H.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Presentation on bike corrals. Discussion item and report from the Police Department Property Room on current practices for bike parking enforcement and removal of abandoned bikes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Crandall, seconded by Holloway, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.