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Meeting Minutes - Approved PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, September 27, 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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Michael W. Rewey; Robbie Webber; Aaron S. P. Crandall; Robert M. Holloway; Ron J. Prince and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 4 -

Ald. Lisa Subeck; Ald. Bridget R. Maniaci; Ald. Jill Johnson and Ronald B. Steinhofer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 26, 2011

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS - None

Johnson arrived at 5:07 p.m. and Maniaci arrived at 5:30 p.m. after the approval of minutes. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

Present: 8 -

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

Excused: 2 -

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D. MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES

D.1. [23631](#)

Madison Police Department Traffic Reports, second Quarter 2011

Lt. Bitterman presented the 2nd quarter 2011 traffic report. MPD issued 5,864 traffic citations, 3,891 of which were hazardous citations and 1,973 were non-hazardous. This is an overall decrease of 17% from the total number of citations issued in the same quarter of 2010. The TEST unit issued 1,540 of the citations issued, which is a 33% decrease compared with the 2nd quarter 2010. The number of citations issued for speeding declined 36%. The decrease is

likely due to officers being reassigned to the capitol, which resulted in decreased staffing for traffic enforcement. The TEST unit was also down an officer due to injury which contributed to the decrease. Enforcement of the mandatory insurance requirement was probably a major factor in the increase in nonhazardous offenses.

There were 6 major crashes in the second quarter, 4 of which were fatalities. Alcohol was a factor in one of the 4 crashes.

Holloway asked about the fatal crash involving the Metro bus. Bitterman stated that it was determined that the pedestrian remained in the driver's blind spot for an extended period of time. Holloway stated that he would like to have a discussion on preventing future accidents.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1. [23643](#)

Request for temporary Adult School Crossing Guard assignment at Rimrock and East Badger Road for Badger Rock Middle School.

Registrants: Angie Crawford, principal of Badger Rock Middle School spoke in favor of assigning a temporary crossing guard at Badger Rock Middle School. The school is at a temporary location at 200 Badger Road and is expected to be in the permanent location January 2012.

Ross stated that there is no criteria for a crossing guard at a middle school and that the current policy only pertains to elementary school students. Ross has not yet done a hazard rating at this location. Maniaci asked if middle schools have requested crossing guards in the past. Ross stated that middle schools have not been assigned crossing guards except at locations where there is an elementary school adjoined and where the primary function is to be present for the elementary students. The decision on Adult School Crossing Guard assignments is based upon TE recommendations based on criteria, followed by action by PBMVC, and a budget amendment at the Council. PBMVC can change the criteria to include middle schools; any changes should include budgetary impacts. Ross stated that both the City of Madison and the school district have the authority to hire and assign adult school crossing guards. The school district can do this on their own; the authority does not have to come from the City.

Maniaci stated that there is not a way to provide a timely resolution through the formal structure, with the need for a budget amendment to go to the Council. An assignment could likely not be made until November.

Holloway asked if there could be a program created to mobilize and train volunteers and give them the authority of a crossing guard.

Student patrol program could be implemented where the older students help others to choose a safe time to cross.

The Commission requested data from staff on the hazard rating at Badger Rock Middle School, the cost of an Adult School Crossing Guard assignment including the cost of extending the assignment if the building is not completed in January, information from the Police Department on what the requirements are for someone to have the legal authority of a crossing guard and to direct

traffic, information from the Police Department on resources available for Badger Rock Middle School. Madison School District representatives will be invited to attend the next meeting to be involved in the discussion.

A motion was made by Rewey to adhere to the current crossing guard policy, seconded by Johnson for discussion. A motion was made by Ald. Maniaci, seconded by Ald. Johnson, to Refer to the next meeting. The motion to refer to the next meeting passed by voice vote/other.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- F.1. [23968](#) Discussion on policy and practices for removal of abandoned bicycles and bike parking enforcement

Mark Packard, Police Property Supervisor and Beck Mugford, Bicycle Recover Specialist presented information on the practices of removing abandoned bicycles. PBMVC members asked if there is a standard process or schedule for enforcing bike parking time limits and removing abandoned bicycles. Packard stated that the process for the removal of abandoned bicycles is entirely complaint driven. Mugford's position is 20 hours per week and includes removing reported abandoned bikes, processing evidence bikes, processing stolen bike reports, researching owners of property, and disposing of property. From September 2010 to September 2011, there were 22 evidence, 513 found bikes, 23 safe keeping bikes, 54 recovered bikes, 6 bikes involved in an accident, 21 damaged, 1 lost, 1 unknown, and 654 stolen bikes processed.

Packard stated that people can now report abandoned bicycles online at the Bike Madison site. Webber asked how to get to it from the City of Madison website and stated that it was not easy for the average person to find. Maniaci stated that the non-cycling public may not be familiar with the bike Madison website and that the Report an Abandoned Bicycle link should be available on the Report a Problem site. Maniaci asked that Packard follow up with IT about adding the abandoned bicycle reporting to the Report a Problem website.

Webber stated that the downtown business community wants to see the removal of abandoned bicycles done on a more systematic basis to free up parking for customers who would use the parking.

Webber requested that staff send the subcommittee report on bicycle registration to PBMVC members.

Webber asked if other employees could help in tagging and removing abandoned bicycles. Packard replied that the ordinance allows Traffic Engineering or Parks to remove abandoned bicycles. Webber stated that Parks could help with the removal of abandoned bicycles instead of just the Police Department. Packard replied that there is a space restriction and that the current storage area can only hold 200 bikes at one time. Webber stated that the space issue needs to be resolved to get enough storage space for all reported abandoned bicycles.

Maniaci asked if there are any limitations on BID funding to be used for bicycle abandonment. Johnson suggested that a fee be charged for people to get their bikes back from the property room if the bikes were removed for being abandoned, similar to vehicles which are towed for exceeding parking time

limits.

Crandall asked if there could be signage on the bike racks to let them know that there is a 48 hour limit on bike parking to deter people from long term storage of their bicycles.

Items for follow up::

- Report abandoned bikes on the website
- Look into whether there is a fine to recover a bike that was abandoned that can be charged.
- Talk to BID, PD, and Parks about regular tagging of bicycles - perhaps quarterly
- Space for storage of abandoned bikes
- Talk to BID about signage and money to go towards the program

Maniaci asked if the number of abandoned bikes could be broken down into the area where they were recovered. Packard will look into whether that data is available.

G. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- G.1. [23632](#) Informational presentation and discussion on bike corrals

There is one bike corral in place on King Street which has been heavily used. Holloway stated that the corner of Mifflin and Pinckney has limited bike parking available and would like to see one at this location. TE is working on a bike corral on Johnson Street with Alder Maniaci. If there are other locations where people would like to see a bike corral installed, contact David Dryer.

- G.2. [23633](#) Informational presentation and discussion on Block 105 bike station

The Parking Utility needs to replace the Government East parking garage. Part of the planning process includes a proposed bicycle station. Kimley-Horn's consultant, Mobis Transportation, is doing a survey to determine what users would like to see in a bike station. Rewey stated that he has not seen any communication to involve state employees in the survey, who would be the key users. Rewey asked if there was a way to get the survey out to all state employees. Webber stated she contacted the consultant's public outreach person who was not interested in contacting the state agencies to get permission to email the state employees. Dryer stated he would follow up with the consultant to address these issues.

Prince left at 6:45 p.m. A new roll call is shown to reflect this.

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- G.3. Introduction of new coordinator for Safe Routes to School and program overview

Karl Franzen, the new Safe Routes to School Coordinator, attended and discussed his role in the position. There is a Safe Routes to School Plan scheduled for discussion and approval in November. PBMVC members

requested to see a copy of the plan and would like a representative from the School Board to attend a PBMVC meeting to discuss the plan, or request that a joint meeting be scheduled. Franzen will email a copy of the plan to Sabrina Tolley to distribute to commission members.

H. REPORTS

H.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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

I.1. General announcements by Executive Secretary

I.2. General announcements by Chair

I.3. Commission member items for future agendas

Maniaci requested that the election for Chair and Vice-Chair be on the next meeting.

Request that a representative from Metro attend a future PBMVC meeting to give a presentation on what training they give bus drivers regarding interacting with other users and pedestrians.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Holloway, seconded by Ald. Maniaci, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.