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Meeting Minutes - Draft PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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Tuesday, September 26, 2017

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 201, City-County Bldg.
Common Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

Present: 7 - Ledell Zellers; Paul E. Skidmore; Rebecca Kemble; Michael W. Rewey;
Grant A. Foster; Eric C. Lewandowski and Susan M. De Vos

Excused: 2 - Aaron S. P. Crandall and Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lewandowski, seconded by Zellers, to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

D. PRESENTATIONS

D.1. [48942](#) Bcycle Update

Morgan Ramaker from Bcycle, gave a presentation on Bcycle's year to date and vision for the future.

D.2. [48943](#) REPORT OF THE MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Trevor Knight went over the Madison Police Department's 2017 second quarter reports, and was on hand to discuss and answer questions.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1. [48505](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing the Police Department to Donate Abandoned Bicycles to Non-Profit Organizations.

A motion was made by Zellers, seconded by Foster to amend the language to clarify that preference be given to local, Madison and/or Dane County non-profit organizations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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

E.2. [48539](#)

Amending Section 12.761(3) and creating Section 12.761(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a procedure for the disposal of abandoned bicycles.

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

E.3. [48601](#)

Adopting the Cottage Grove Road Activity Centers Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Urvashi Martin from City Planning gave a presentation and overview of the Cottage Grove Road draft plan.

DeVos asked about sidewalk width. Martin said Cottage Grove road was recently reconstruction and improvements made to improve the pedestrian environment, stating the sidewalks were approximately the standard five feet. DeVos brought up the activity center, the cost of housing and parking. Martin said they haven't incorporated that level of detail in the plan yet, but they will.

Zellers asked about the goal of accomplishing these short term, three year plans.

Foster requested they have City staff reach out to the neighborhood associations and present their recommendations and encourage them to do some of the things outlined in the plan, rather than leaving it to the lead agency. Foster also brought up the issue of reinforcing customer entry through the street facing front of businesses, rather than customers entering in the back where they are parking. Foster stated Cottage Grove Road is a high trafficked road and wondered if design ideas around outdoor seating could be looked at to have these spaces toward the interior of these larger blocks instead of parking. Lastly, Foster mentioned the lack of bicycle and pedestrian connections from the neighborhoods to encourage traffic to these activity centers.

Alder Zellers left at 5:47pm. A new roll call is shown to reflect this:

Present – 6 – Alder Paul E. Skidmore; Eric C. Lewandowski; Grant A. Foster; Susan M. DeVos; Alder Rebecca Kemble; Michael W. Rewey

Excused – 3 – Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner; Aaron S.P. Crandall; Alder Ledell Zellers

Rewey requested the plans for bicycle connections are also shown visually on pages twenty-one and twenty-three. Rewey stated that he noticed six of the recommended lead agency is traffic engineering, and questioned whether or not that department had the resources, considering the short term time constraints.

A motion was made by DeVos, seconded by Kemble, to approve the plan with the comments made by the commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Rebecca Kemble; Grant A. Foster; Eric C. Lewandowski and Susan M. DeVos

Excused: 4 - Ledell Zellers; Paul E. Skidmore; Sarah (Sally) A. Lehner and Aaron S. P. Crandall

Non Voting: 1 - Michael W. Rewey

- E.4. [48791](#) Accepting the Judge Doyle City Staff Team Report, Selecting the Madison Freewheel Bicycle Co. as the Operator for the Madison Bicycle Center in the Judge Doyle Project on Block 88 Subject to the Negotiation of a Final Contract, and Directing Further Actions

This Item was referred to October 24, 2017 meeting due to staff recommendations.

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1. [48111](#)

City Engineering Project Updates

Ben Zellers from City Planning gave a presentation on Crazy Legs Plaza, which is a part of the Monroe Street reconstruction project occurring next year.

At Alder Skidmore's inquiry, Zellers stated the plaza would be City space, not a park and will be considered right-of-way and maintained by the City

Foster requested staff look at adding a terrace for snow build up in winter months. Foster voiced opposition to the parking spaced on Breese Street, and along Monroe Street, asking for the option of them being removed, as well as looking at having a single lane outbound on Monroe Street, so as to increase the footprint and decrease the crossing distance for pedestrians. Foster asked staff to look at softening the west bound bike path traffic turning onto Breese terrace, as it currently appears steeper than ninety-degrees. Foster also requested staff consider the crossing at Regent near Monroe Street continue straight instead of the flow currently shown on Option 1. Zellers stated the issue with the corner is remaining ADA compliant with the grade, but they would take to design team to consider it.

Rewey echoed Fosters concerns. Rewey also brought up a concern about the curvilinear creating shortcutting across the bike path, and said if they were going to leave it in, to make it wider than twelve feet to at least fourteen feet. Christy Bachmann from City Engineering said they could look into that option. Rewey and Foster requested table topping the crossing at Breese Street terrace. Rewey asked the corner of Regent and Monroe be paved instead of turf to accommodate actual bicycle and pedestrian flow. Staff agreed to look into those options.

Foster requested another option be put forward, showing the commissions comments. Bachmann said she would check with Traffic Engineering staff, but believed the parking lanes were going to remain in place. Rewey asked staff to consider doing a large bump out to shorten the crossing for pedestrians, which allows parking to remain. Staff said they could look into that. Skidmore said he hoped the design engineer would come to the next meeting, so the commission could have productive discussion. Bachmann said it might be difficult due to the compact timeline. Concerns were raised by members of the commission about the process and timeline the commission receives projects. Rewey requested staff take into consideration the commissions comments and suggestions and bring the item back next month as an action item on the October 24, 2017 agenda. Rewey asked the commission to state their preference of the two proposed plans. Every member said they preferred Option 1.

The following person registered in support of Option 1, but did not wish to speak: Jim Wilson W. Wilson Street, Madison.

F.2. [49066](#)

Intersection Control Review Process

Traffic Engineer, Mark Winter, gave a presentation on updates to the improvement plan for the Capital City Path from Blout Street down to Waubesa Street developed back in 2012.

H. REPORTS & FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

H.1. [42190](#)

Potential Future Agenda Items - PBMVC

- East Washington Corridor Study
- Crossing Guard Assignment and Modifications Process Review
- Crossing Guard Assignment and Modifications to Assignment
- Crash Report Analysis
- Bicycle Equity Report
- Diamond Status Report
- Police Department Quarterly Traffic Report
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects Priority Draft Plan
- East/West Wilson-East Doty-South Pinckney-MLK Initial Review
- Bicycle Facility Maintenance Policy Workgroup

Foster recommended that information regarding the implementation of the new Transportation Ordinance be shared with the commission members.

H.2. 15487

Reports of other Committees/Commissions (verbal updates may be given as available)

Plan Commission
Long Range Transportation Planning Committee
Joint West Campus Area Committee
Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee
Bicycle Facilities Maintenance Policy Workgroup

Verbal updates were given.

H.3. Reports of Officers and Members for Information

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by DeVos, seconded by Kemble, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

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