

# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall 400 La Crosse Street La Crosse, WI 54601

## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

## **Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

8:30 AM

City Hall - Miller Room

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Robert Young, Jeff Fennie, Larry Sleznikow, Stephanie Sward, Randi

Pueschner, Chelsey Bodon, Brooke Pataska

Excused: 1 - Grace Janssen

## **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Pataska, seconded by Young that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **Agenda Items:**

1. Safe Routes to School Overview and Presentation.

The County Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinators (Chelsey Boldon and Nikki Kvam) provided an overview and presentation on the Safe Routes to School program.

They stated that the goal of the program is to enable and encourage kids to

walk and bike to school. They stated that they want to make the program sustainable so even if the coordinators were not there, schools could continue on with programming and advocacy.

The SRTS program has a host school program which gives schools money to participate in encouragement activities. The La Crosse Schools involved include Northside/Coulee Montessori, Hintgen, State Road, Summit, and Logan Middle School.

Randi Pueschner provided context on being a school liason. She stated that Summit Elementary does a bike bus where she picks kids up at each intersection on Lakeshore Drive.

The SRTS coordinators stated they assist with bike rodeos, walk to school days, slide into safety, and other community/school events.

2. 24-1194 Bike Registration and Theft Prevention.

Randi Pueschner put together and went through the attached presentation about Garage 529. The mission of this nonprofit/website is to put a database together of stolen bikes. The owner can input information about their stolen bike for other members in the community to see. If the bike were to show up in another community it is easier for members to find the owner of the bike rather than each community having their own registration system. It is free for users but would cost the city \$1200 a year to use.

Sergeant Pataska said she could talk internally to see if this is something the Police Department would be interested in.

3. 24-1119 Discussion on priority projects and implementation of the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

CM Sleznikow noted the subcommittee needs to follow open meeting law and be recreated with members only for future reference, and he asked staff to go over minutes of what was discussed. Staff provided an overview of the notes/minutes of everything discussed at the meeting, which are also attached to the agenda.

Young suggested protected bike lanes on Clinton Street and Ranger Drive should be considered a priority project with the consideration of a quick-build project. Sward stated first parking would have to be studied on Clinton and public engagement on the possibility of removing parking.

**4.** 24-1120 Updates (Bike Rodeo, Bike Friendly Community, Committee Member updates, etc.).

Staff reminded the Committee the Bike Rodeo would take place September 19, 2024. Staff stated the Bike Friendly Community survey is open until mid-October.

Other updates include:

- -Drift Cycle received grant to expand for five new stations, four will be on the north side.
- -Week without Driving is September 20-October 6.

5. Call for Future Agenda Items.

Young brought up concerns with the traffic circle signs on greenways no longer being in the traffic circle and are now moved to the boulevard.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members: CM Larry Sleznikow, Brooke Pataska, Grace Janssen, Jeff Fennie, Randi Pueschner, Robert Young, Stephanie Sward, Chelsey Boldon