



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 AM

Council Chambers- City Hall- 400 La Crosse St

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32am.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Robert Young, Jeff Fennie, Larry Sleznikow, Grace Janssen, Stephanie Sward, Randi Pueschner, Chelsey Bodon

Excused: 1 - Cory Brandyl

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the April 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Robbie Young moved to approve the minutes. Stephanie Sward seconded. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1 [23-0501](#)

Jacob Sciammas informed the Committee that five new stations have been installed and a new job position for a manager was posted. The new stations include Myrick Park, Viterbo, a second one by UWL, Chad Erickson Park, and Mayo. Jacob also stated that they filed for their own 510c3 status. CM Larry

Sleznikow stated that he has seen more people riding the bikes. Jacob stated that there are also some additional places being considered and/or requested for facilities. They hope to expand to have more stations on the north side and one by the convention center. Jackie Eastwood asked for the exact locations of the new facilities. Jacob directed her to the website where all of them are mapped out.

2 [23-0500](#)

Staff informed the Committee about the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant opportunity to develop a Vision Zero plan for the community. Having this plan in place would allow the City to apply for funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian facilities along with other safety measures. Stephanie asked if it was a reimbursable grant. Staff stated that it was. Stephanie clarify that the City would then have to pay for all of it first. Larry asked what the cost of a plan would be. Staff stated that other communities have spent \$200k. Larry asked about timeline of grant. Staff stated that we could apply this year, grant agreement in 2024 and then finish the project within 1-5 years. Larry stated that is sounds like we may have the time to allocate funding Jeff asked who would manage the plan. Staff stated that they would manage both the completion of the plan and the implementation of it. Cathy asked how this plan would tie into the Climate Action Plan. Staff stated that making routes safer for all road users can help reduce car dependency which ties into that plan.

Robbie Young expressed his concern about spending that much money on a plan if there is not comprehensive support for its implementation after its completed. He said all departments have to be committed to the plan in order to implement and execute the plan.

Jeff moved to have staff move forward with submitting an application. Randi Pueschner seconded. The motion passed by voice vote 7-0.

3 Recap of Community Transportation Academy.

CM Sleznikow stated that he attended the Community Transportation Academy that was offered by 1000 Friends of Wisconsin. CM Sleznikow stated the several speakers that attended and different topics they discussed at the academy. CM Sleznikow stated that there was a lot of information provided. For the first class and for free it was a great opportunity. Staff added that a webinar about the academy is being provided on May 17th. Staff who attended added it would be good to include all members of the community, not just advocates, to learn about transportation and mobility. Randi Pueschner stated she enjoyed discussing with like minded people, but agreed with staff that it would be a good goal to get others to participate in the academy. Cathy Van Maren stated that we should find a way to keep it going in La Crosse.

4 Update on Wagon Wheel Trail.

Staff informed the Committee that they were not awarded congressionally directed funding for the Wagon Wheel Trail project but are still waiting to hear about the RAISE grant. Staff stated they are working on applying for funds for the extra costs of planning and construction due to inflation since receiving the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant. Staff stated they also have monthly

meetings with the consultant hired to complete the studies/surveys for the project.

5 Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan contract

Staff stated the final contract will go through the June Council cycle and will be sent to the Wisconsin DOT. Staff stated if there was anything to add or change, now would be the time to do it. Stephanie motioned to approve the final contract. Jeff seconded. The motion passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

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, Cory Brandyl, Grace Janssen, Jeff Fennie, Randi Pueschner, Robert Young,
Stephanie Sward, Chelsey Boldon