

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, June 12, 2014

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson Robert Schlicht in 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll call: Members Robert Schlicht, Leni Spaude, Rhonda Kolberg, Paul Anschutz, and Chad Shefchik were present. Randy Watermolen arrived at 4:05 p.m. Excused: Member Laurel Brooks. Also present were Chesla Anschutz and Community Development Secretary Cheryl Nault.

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Ms. Kolberg, seconded by Ms. Spaude to adopt the following agenda by switching Item #6 and Item #7:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from May 1, 2014.
4. Consideration of: City of Sturgeon Bay website/Bicycle and Pedestrian.
5. Consideration of: 2007 DPI City Schools Safety Letter.
6. Consideration of: Safety and Education Programs.
7. Discussion of: Update SRTS Consultant.
8. Adjourn.

Carried.

Approval of minutes from May 1, 2014: Moved by Ms. Kolberg, seconded by Mr. Schlicht to approve the minutes from May 1, 2014. Carried.

Consideration of: City of Sturgeon Bay Website/Bicycle and Pedestrian: Board members discussed additions they would like to see posted on the City of Sturgeon Bay's website.

After a short discussion, it was moved by Mr. Anschutz, seconded by Ms. Spaude to request that staff add "Rules of the Road" to the website. All ayes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Anschutz, seconded by Ms. Kolberg to insert northern and southern county maps underneath Ahnapee Trail maps on the website. All ayes. Carried. These maps should be emailed to Mr. Watermolen and he will then send to the City Clerk for review and addition to the website.

Mr. Watermolen mentioned that past events should be removed from the website.

Discussion was held regarding the addition of different links to the website. Ms. Anschutz suggested linking the Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center and the Door County Visitor Bureau, as well as links to Rules of the Road, Bicycle Safety, NHTSA (National Highway Transportation Safety Administration), Safe Routes to School, and Bike Rodeos. Mr. Watermolen stated that links invite people to our website and view different items. He will take the different links and blend in with what we already have. He added that pictures can also be added from the previous Bike Rodeos.

Consideration of: 2007 DPI City Schools Safety Letter: Mr. Schlicht stated he had questioned Joe Stutting about a letter that Mr. Anschutz received from Sarah Gaskell from 2007. Mr. Stutting had

responded that he was asked by Tom Olsen, Sturgeon Bay Schools Business Manager, to write this letter to the State requesting additional funding for bus routes. It later became a reference point as the City began to look at Safe Routes to School.

Mr. Anschutz stated that Ms. Gaskell explained that the school had been receiving funds already and that they were asking for additional funds. He mentioned that if anyone had any questions they should contact Janice Zmrazeka, Department of Public Instruction in Madison, at 608-266-2803. Ms. Zmrazeka had mentioned that the State should be told what has been fixed up.

Mr. Watermolen stated that the reason additional funding was requested was because there is a bussing requirement of a one mile radius. Egg Harbor Road is within one mile and there is no bussing. Students had to be bussed on the other side of Egg Harbor Road because of safety concerns crossing the road and it added an additional cost.

Mr. Schlicht stated that he had forwarded the letter to Council members for review.

Mr. Shefchik added that it doesn't pay to address the sidewalks that are the furthest away, because they go to nowhere. It would be best to start near the school and pick a bullet point one at a time, come with a suggestion, and have Mr. Schlicht present it to the Parking & Traffic Committee to see what can be done. The areas need to be prioritized over a series of years.

Discussion of: Update SRTS Consultant: Mr. Schlicht updated the Board regarding Safe Routes to School. According to the State, as a result of Act 10 of State funding, 26 Safe Routes to School funding requests throughout the State were withdrawn. Initially, the City was included on this list. But, since the City had hired and were working with a consultant, had an additional Safe Routes to School funding request that was denied, and active in securing the funds, the City has not been included on the list as of yet. The City is working with the State to keep active on the list. The State is looking for requests of more than \$350,000.00 in order to be granted. He added that there is a timeframe in which the City may or may not be removed from the grant funding. Even if sidewalks were to be put in now, the money still may have to be returned.

Mr. Watermolen added that what the State is pulling back on are the funds that have not been spent. The question is why the City has not spent the funds from the grant that was awarded.

Mr. Anschutz stated that the school needs to be proactive and express how much the funding is needed for the sidewalks. He doesn't think the school is sharing information with the community.

Consideration of: Safety and Education Programs: Mr. Anschutz stated that 25 kids attended the 8th Bike Rodeo that was recently held at Sturgeon Bay High School. Each child received a new helmet, compliments of Habush, Habush, and Rottier, blinking lights, and dilly bar coupons. He added that they are working with the Police Department to help with passing out bike helmets. If an officer sees a child using good safety procedures, they should be given a helmet. He would also like the Board to request that the Police Department use their pedal bikes. Another bike rodeo will be scheduled with the Boys and Girls Club, grades 3 -7.

Mr. Shefchik added that the "Y" will be giving free lunches at different locations throughout the summer. That would also be a good place to give out helmets to children.

Adjourn: Moved by Ms. Kolberg, seconded by Ms. Spude to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Nault
Community Development Secretary