City of Mequon

Mequon/Thiensville Bike Pedestrian Commission
Friday April 1st, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.
Mequon City Hall, Administrative Conference Room

AGENDA

Current Member Listing –

City of Mequon:
Terence Mooney, Kristin Wade, Carol Leonard (Chairperson), Robert Lengh
Ald. Robert Strzelczyk

Village of Thiensville:
Daniel Waschow, John Treffert, John Liegeois

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

2. Review Minutes of February 5, 2015.
   Action: Approval

RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

3. Resident Concerns
   a. Interurban Crossing at Donges Bay Rd – J. Keegan
   Action: Discussion/Approval
   b. Sign on OIT for the Jonathan Clark House – Nina Look
   Action: Discussion/Approval

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Priority Information List – C. Leonard
   Action: Discussion/Approval

5. Bike Path Ahead Signs
   Action: Status of sign placement by Public Works Department

6. Bike Racks – C. Leonard
   Action: Discussion/Approval

7. Park Board & Bike Commission Joint Meeting-C. Leonard
   a. Mountain Biking
   Action: Discussion/Approval

8. Other Business
   Action: Discussion/Approval

Next meeting: May 6th, 2016

13. Adjourn

Dated: March 23, 2016 /s/ Carol Leonard, Chairperson

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MINUTES

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Ald. Strzelczyk

Village of Thiensville:
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1. Call to Order, Roll Call
   The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chairperson C. Leonard. Those present were T. Mooney, J. Liegeois, K. Wade, and D. Waschow. Absent were R. Lengh and J. Treffert. Guest Nina Look For the Jonathan Clark House. The City was represented by J. Keegan and recording secretary B. Vento.

2. Review Minutes of October 2nd, 2015.
   Discussion: C. Leonard asked if there were any comments on the minutes of October 2nd. K. Wade moved to approve. D. Waschow seconded. A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

3. Resident Concerns
   B. Sign on OIT for the Jonathan Clark House – Nina Look
   Discussion: C. Leonard asked that we begin with Item B first. All agreed. Nina Look introduced herself as the Director of the Jonathan Clark House on the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Rd. She said that they are developing the museum and welcome anyone who stops by. She and her husband have been working on it for just a couple of years. It's an educational facility that brings history to life and captures what life was like in 1848. They would like to make the museum a little more accessible inside and out. As soon as they pay their debt, they would also like to begin some other projects. N. Look also gave a little more history of the house. N. Look stated that they are close to the Inter Urban Trail and asked if there was some way that a sign could be placed on the trail or if the path could be extend from the trail to the house. K. Wade felt this would be a great opportunity for all of us as this is a spot on the trail where there aren't any rest rooms and people do bike past here as an example for Harvest Fest. C. Leonard asked if we own the signage on the OIT. J. Keegan stated that it's the County's Trial but the sign code would be subject to the Cities Ordinances. However, you would need to start with the County as it is their trail. J. Keegan further stated that he would have to check into the section of road between the OIT and the House to see when the road was paved last. C. Leonard asked if we want to consider adding a trail from the OIT to the house. J. Keegan suggested putting it on the list. He said it sounds like some improvements had been done not too many years ago and would not be on the road program any time soon. K. Wade asked if it completely abuts the trail. N. Looks stated that it does not. The Wells family owns the land in between on the north side of Bonniwell. There is a woodland area and the Jonathan Clark owns into the woods a bit, but they own the rest of the woods that ends at the trail. J. Keegan asked if she had spoken with the Wells Family. N. Look said that they had not yet. J. Keegan stated that there are many public easements on private property throughout the city. This would be completely separate from Bonniwell Road. We don't get funding for the bike path, so perhaps some fund raising could be done for this path. J Keegan

suggested that N Look contact the Wells family as a private citizen. The Wells family would be a little more receptive to this type of personal contact.

Motion: C. Leonard made a motion to have J. Keegan find out when Bonniwell was last paved to see if adding a paved trail from the OIT to the Jonathan Clark House was something that we should consider adding to the Project Prioritization List. K. Wade moved to approve. T. Mooney second. A voice vote was called. All approved. The motion passed 5-0 with 2 absent.

A. Interurban Crossing at Donges Bay Rd – J. Keegan

Discussion: J. Keegan said that the crossing at Donges Bay is an issue with bikers not obeying the traffic signs that are on the trail. There are a couple things going on with Donges Bay right now. Donges Bay Road is in poor shape. It's in our five year program for paving and we're thinking that in the next couple of years we're going to get that road repaved. The actual track crossing for Wisconsin Central Crossing is in really bad shape, so we are also trying to work with Wisconsin Central to upgrade their rail crossing and we are trying to coordinate all this work. These are some of the things we are looking at doing on Donges Bay Road itself. For the actual OIT crossing if we are paving right in front of it we would check to see how it all ties in with the road program once we get to that point. We don't expect to realign through the Libby Montana property. The issue is a matter of the Bikers blowing through the stop signs. We'll look closer at the project once the road is paved to see what we can do. It's my guess that we may be looking at 2017 for work on this road and if not the following year. D. Waschow asked about putting the paths over roads so we don't have to worry about traffic? J. Keegan said that they are very expensive. K. Wade said that stripping makes sense. Maybe we should consider something in the meantime. There is a lot of truck traffic. J. Keegan said we have no control of the bad rail crossing. We keep on Wisconsin Central all the time, but they do as little as possible. K. Wade said that maybe we could have something farther down the trail for a warning. C. Leonard said that any signage would be the County. J. Keegan said that he would have to check out some things with D. Curran on the signage. C. Leonard asked if we should table this issue. J. Keegan agreed until he can get some more information.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. Priority Information List – C. Leonard

Discussion: C. Leonard asked if we have a road plan for this year yet. J. Keegan said that we are working on it right now. We've completed the road rating and are in the process of developing the 2016 road program. It will go to the March Public Works Meeting. Green Bay Road, item number two on the priority list is on it and we're looking at doing bike lanes. I will have more to update at our next meeting.

5. Bike Path Ahead Signs

Status of sign placement by Public Works Department

Discussion/Approval: J. Keegan said that we already have signs with a bike and an arrow. It's a rather large sign. We need to make sure that they are in public easements. It's on his list to do for some time now along with the list of connections. Before we put a sign up we have to make sure that people can use the connections. The signs are not free, but could be at a reduced cost because we have had them for some time now verses having the custom signs made. If the group is ok with using that type of signage it will save money and will be easier for us to get them installed.

6. Bike Racks – C. Leonard

Discussion/Approval: C. Leonard said that she has nothing to update. Nina Look is looking for a bike rack and may take the one that is at Public Works. This was formerly at the Library and was removed when they got different ones. J. Keegan said that he would check with Community Development if they have a place for the rack first. C. Leonard said that otherwise Jonathan Clark is thinking about it.

7. Education – K. Wade & J. Krueger
   A. Share and Be Aware

Discussion/Approval: K. Wade said that the majority of the programs as cost based. With the budget we have there's not much more that can be done.

8. Highland Rd – C. Leonard
   A. Off-Road Path – Rotary Park to Laurel Ln

Discussion/Approval: C. Leonard referred everyone to a map included in their packet. Laurel Lanes is off of Bonniwell Road and dead ends well west of Mequon Rotary Park. It would be nice if we could have a path that would connect Laurel Lane to Rotary Park. That would take some bike traffic off of Green Bay Road and people navigate that mile long stretch between the two. J. Keegan said there is no public easement and not publicly owned property and that would be the challenge to get the rights in there. J. Keegan will check to see if Laurel Lane is a public roadway. Another issue would be if the people living on Laurel Lane would approve of the traffic from bikes and pedestrians. C. Leonard seeing as there is not much interest at this time, we will remove from agenda.

9. OIT Improvement
   A. Accident at Donges Bay & Interurban Trail

Discussion: C. Leonard stated that this has been on the agenda for some time and was another resident concern. This accident occurred in 2014. J. Keegan said that we talked about it and suggested that maybe this is an item that once again should be on the priority list. C. Leonard said that there are mirrors and lines on the path to help with vision around a structure near this point. C. Leonard asked if item should be removed from the list as these relate to items already on the Prioritization List. All agreed.

10. Off Road Bike Path on Donges Bay

Discussion: J. Keegan stated that the City Clerk who lives in Council Hills has children that go to the park. We Energies is planning to replace a High Pressure Gas Main and its going to be south of Donges Bay Road and then shift to north of Donges Bay Road. We Energies is getting easements from property owners and she thought that the City could piggy back on top of We Energies easements at the same time to perhaps someday do an off road path. Unfortunately that's not how easements work; it's going to be We Energies negotiating with private property owners independent of the City involvement. We have no vested right in there except for when it crosses public land and then in those areas it's across a roadway. There are advocates for having a path there someday, but we have no rights for a path there. No one will be able to build in that corridor so some day we may be able to put a path there. C. Leonard said that this item 15 on the Prioritization List and will be addressed when we talk about rearranging the Priority list.

11. Park Board & Bike Commission Joint Meeting – C. Leonard
    A. Mountain Biking

Discussion: C. Leonard has not yet been able to make the meetings and hoping to do so for February. The County is building a mountain bike trail in the Mee Kwon Park. There are different types of mountain bike paths and we need to continue to work with the Park Board to see if there is the ability to put a different type of mountain bike path in a City park.

12. Other Business
    A. Disconnects – J. Treffert (A. LaFond)
    B. Bikeway Commission Schedule for 2016

Discussion:

A. C. Leonard said this related to our maps not working and asked whom she should speak about it. K. Wade said that she would speak to Mark Harris. C. Leonard said that has been on the list for awhile and it is possible that it is already working.
B. C. Leonard asked if there were any concerns with the dates. C. Leonard motion to approve the schedule. K. Wade Second. Voice vote call. The motion passed 5-0 2 absent.

Next meeting: April 1st, 2016.

13. Adjourn

K. Wade motioned to Adjourn.
T. Mooney seconded.
A voice vote was called and the motion passed 5-0 2 absent

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Dated: February 15, 2016 /s/ Carol Leonard, Chairperson

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2010-2030 Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission Recommendations

Priority	Location	Projects
2	Green Bay Road	4' lanes – From Lake Bluff Rd to Highland Rd
3	Freistadt Road	Signs routing bikes to Riverview Dr
4	Highland Road	4' Bike lane - OIT to Wasaukee Rd
5	River Road	4' Paved Shoulder, Heidel Rd - Freistadt Rd
6	Swan Road	Sign directing east to Nature Center
7	Donges Bay Road	5' lanes - Cedarburg Rd to Wauwatosa Rd
8	Highland Road	Off-road Path - Rotary Park to Laurel Ln
9	Wauwatosa Road	Stripe and Sign bike/ped lanes – South of Mequon
10	Swan Road	Hiking trail - Concord Dr. to Nature Center
11	Mequon Road	4' lanes - I-43 overpass to Lake Shore Dr
12	Lake Shore Drive	Re-Striping - Glen Oaks to Mequon Rd
13	Lake Shore Drive	4' Bike Lanes (including Zedler Ln)
14	Mequon Road	4' lanes - Swan Rd to Wasaukee Rd
15	Donges Bay Road	2-way, off-road trail - Lemke Park to Wasaukee Rd (south side)
16	Donges Bay Road	Continue 5' lanes beyond Grasslyn Rd to River Rd
17	County Line Road	5' paved shoulder added to North side of County Line Rd
18	Port Washington Road	4' bike lane - Katherine Dr to County Line Rd
19	River Road	Lac du Cours off-road bike/ped path
20	County Line Road	4' lanes - Port Washington Rd to River Rd
21	Mequon Road	Continue Sidewalks to Meadowbrook Dr and Whilton Rd
22	River Road	Bike/Ped Bridge over Milwaukee River – Mequon to Mequon
23	Range Line Road	4' lanes County Line Rd - Mequon Rd
24	Pioneer Road	4' Bike lane - Davis Rd to Wasaukee Rd
25	Port Washington Road	Extend 4' Lanes and Sidewalks to hospital
26	Donges Bay Road	Bike/Ped bridge over Milwaukee River
27	Thiensville	Connection 400-500 block Main St to OIT
28	Green Bay Road	4' lanes – From Highland Rd to Pioneer

Completed Projects

2015 1	Ozaukee Interurban Trail	Relocation around WE Energies Substation
2015 9	Donges Bay Road	4' lanes - Lake Shore Dr to Port Washington Rd
2015 1	County Line Road	4' lanes – Cedarburg Rd to Swan Rd