

MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – August 23, 2007

Attendees: Phil Valitchka, Milt Olson, Mike Lewandowski, Dave Meurett, Matt Block, Mark Parman, Hooshang Zeyghami, Ted Heldt, Gerry Klein, Andrew Plath, Helen Pagenkopf, Tracy Baltz (for Scheafer), Bill Duncanson, Barb Schira, Tom Kerkes.

Staff: Dave Mack ■ Conservation, Planning and Zoning Dept.

Others: Jack Hirt – Wisconsin Bicycle Federation, Sue Weith, Bill Hall, Marian Seagrem-Hall, Gary Gisselman, Geoff Watters, Ali Schmidt, Linda Haning

I. Call to Order.

The agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Valitchka. The meeting was held in Conference Room 5, 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

II. Welcome.

Valitchka welcomed those present and introduced consultant Jack Hirt, Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin. The Committee then introduced themselves, who they represented and/or why they are on the Committee.

III. Approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2007 Meeting.

Motion/second by **Zeyghami/Klein** to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion **carried** on voice vote, no dissent.

IV. Bike Federation of Wisconsin – Association Overview.

Mack introduced Jack Hirt, Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin (BFW), and asked him for an overview of the BFW. Hirt said the BFW was a statewide bicycle advocacy and education group working to make Wisconsin a better place to bicycle and worked as a lobbying group with the state legislators, WisDNR, and others. They have become experts in bicycling matters and began working with other firms as sub-consultants in the formulation of bike/pedestrian plans.

Hirt discussed their function as the data gatherers for the project. They will be in Wausau to drive and bike the area's roads – listing the major barriers, access to trails, parks and other bicycle facilities. He also talked about their role as an educator to the community in bicycle issues.

V. Area-Wide GAP Analysis.

After explaining the purpose of the exercise, Mack distributed the comment sheets and the numbered dots to indicate the comment's location on the maps provided.

VI. Adjourn.

After noting that the next meeting will be held on September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and there being no further business to come before the committee, **motion/second** by **Meurett/Klein** to adjourn the meeting. Motion **carried** on voice vote, no dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

David Mack
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