

WBWC Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2015

The Ecology Center, 339 E. Liberty, Suite 339, Ann Arbor, MI

Board Members Attending: Erica Briggs, Robert Gordon, Barbara Lucas, Peter Houk, and Bob Krzewinski.

Board Members Absent: Larry Deck and Karen Moorhead.

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm.
2. Adoption of agenda –A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Robert, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
3. Communication From The Chair – Pete reviewed the WBWC mission statement and noted that the next Board meeting would be Thursday, October 8th.
4. Secretary's Report – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Robert, to approve the July minutes (there was no August meeting), passing unanimously. On WBWC calendar items, Bob noted that the State of Michigan Non-Profit Corporation renewal is due October 1st and he paid the renewal (\$20) in August. Also, the address on file with the State was incorrect and he submitted a correction form (\$5). Bob also ordered and received two banners for the WBWC (\$60.21) to be used for valet bike parking. No new updates on record retention and depository work.
5. Communications Committee Report – Bob reported the current holdup with the new web page is working out problems with gaining access to the GatorHost web provider and once that is done, to try and have the info@wbwc.org become active again. Access to the domain name provider (GoDaddy) has been secured. Bob also noted the next WBWC newsletter deadline is October 1st for the fall edition.
6. Treasurers Report – Robert presented a written financial summary that reported \$6587.39 in the Bank Of Ann Arbor and another \$1042.35 in PayPal for a total of \$7629.35. A check was written to Bob for his expenses (\$85.21) noted in the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Erica, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurers report, passing unanimously.
7. Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety Task Force – Erica gave a report that the Task Force has completed its report and while they are supposed to disband, it may be prudent for the group to continue in existence. It was noted that there will be a City Council working session on the Task Force's report on September 14th and Erica is scheduled to meet with the Mayor on pedestrian issues the following day. A discussion was held on the WBWC pushing for action on issues it finds important in the report and to explore funding sources, standardize crosswalk signs/markings and improve maintenance. The WBWC also should prioritize snow removal education, drainage, 25mph speed limits and pedestrian detours around construction projects. Erica will hold a WBWC pedestrian-specific meeting in late September.
8. Membership Report – For membership renewals, a personal message from Board members to renewing members was discussed, as was a letter from the Chair, which Pete will complete by October 1st.
9. Projects Committee Report
 - County road tax letter – A motion was made by Robert, seconded by Erica, to approve the letter from Larry Deck to the Washtenaw County Road Commission on their proposal for a one-year extension of a County road tax millage that would include non-motorized projects.
 - Ypsilanti Border To Border support letter – No action pending a revision of the letter by Larry.
10. Government Relations Committee –The WBWC will continue to keep up to date on City Council agendas for non-motorized issues, with Erica monitoring the City of Ann Arbor and Bob the City of Ypsilanti. An emphasis will also be placed on being alert for crosswalk actions in the agenda of the Ann Arbor City Council.

11. Education Committee – Erica, Larry and Bob’s appearance on Ann Arbor Community TV has been postponed until September 29th. Once aired, the shows should repeat for a month and a link to the show will be placed on the WBWC website.

12. Nominating Committee – Pete had booked the annual November WBWC membership meeting for November 12th. Erica is working on presenters with potential speakers from the League of Michigan Bicyclists and the Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety Task Force. Pete requested that any potential Board members be referred to him.

13. New Business – Erica, Pete and Barbara will work on a grant proposal from America Walks for pedestrian projects with possibilities being street murals, pedestrian safety billboards and vegetation pruning. Erica will start work on a fall general coalition meeting of County bicycling and walking groups.

14. Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robert, seconded by Bob, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.