

WBWC

September 2016 Board Meeting

September 8, 2016, 5:45 p.m.

The Ecology Center, 339 E. Liberty, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI

FINAL MINUTES

Call to Order:

Pete called the meeting to order at:	18:02
Board Members Present:	Peter Houk Bob Krzewinski Craig Lyon Barbara Lucas Markus Nee
Board Members Arrived Later:	Erica Briggs
Board Members Absent:	Larry Deck Robert Gordon Tracy Beeson David Shinabarger
Audience:	Bradley Parsons Stephen Hannon Kathy Griswold

Adoption of Agenda:

Bob asked to add “endorsing county millage” to the agenda. **Bob moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Craig seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Agenda adopted.**

Communication from the Chair:

1. Pete reviewed the WBWC’s mission statement.
2. Pete reviewed upcoming events in the next month: Board Meeting October 13.

Secretary’s Report:

1. July Minutes - **Bob moved to approve the July 2016 Board meeting minutes. Craig seconded. Motion passed 5-0, July 2016 Minutes adopted.**
2. Markus gave a reminder of upcoming deadlines:
 - a. October 1, Michigan Non-Profit Renewal/Annual Report due. We think Robert has this. Bob recommended filling it out online instead of by mail.
 - b. Newsletter deadline October 1, for publication October 15.
 - c. Annual meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2016 at Conor O'Neill.

Nominating Committee:

1. Erica and Pete have been working on finding a guest speaker. Brad recommended the new City Administrator, Howard Lazarus, to talk about how Austin was able to achieve LAB Gold tier during his previous position.

Education Committee:

1. Barbara prepared a letter to driver's training instructors offering WBWC's educational materials for use in teaching pedestrian and bicyclist laws and awareness. The Board reviewed the letter and supported it. There was discussion about how to sign the letter. The Board recommended Barbara sign, as Education Committee chair.
2. Bradley reported on attempts to get University of Michigan orientation involved in bicycle safety education. Strategy is to have direction for orientation come from within the University. Also, Bradley mentioned a separate (but complementary) initiative to collaborate on bicycle issues with the University. A meeting has been set up for next Friday between Common Cycle, Erica Briggs, several UM officials, and Eli Cooper.
3. Barbara is still exploring options of safety equipment and visibility. Is testing a helmet with built-in lights and a reflective triangle. Barbara is considering collaborating with local vendors in town about stocking recommended products. Barbara will talk to Travis at Wheels In Motion about this.

Government Relations Committee:

1. Update on Crosswalk Guidelines - Erica reported that the City has held public meetings to get input about crosswalk guidelines. Craig reported that Washtenaw County is setting up a meeting with MDOT and other government organizations to achieve the same goal (crosswalk consistency and quality) in preparation for Washtenaw Avenue crosswalk improvements.

Kathy reported that the City Administrator is working on: vulnerable road users laws, correcting improper crosswalk signs, and tightening up the language on signage.

Erica reported that there was also a meeting with the City Administrator and the Save Our Streets group, that went productively. The community needs to communicate priorities. Needs a high profile easily supportable project to inspire people.

2. Bob sent out email from John Lindenmeyer about a key committee hearing on September 20 regarding vulnerable users, 5-foot passing, and driver education legislation as proposed by the LMB. (<http://bikeleague.org/TakeAction?vvsrc=/campaigns/46978/respond>) **Bob moves that WBWC endorses and supports vulnerable users, 5-foot passing, and driver education legislation as proposed by the LMB. Erica seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**
3. Bob brought materials regarding Washtenaw County Road/Non-Motorized Millage Endorsement for non-motorized organizations to use to share and communicate. **Bob moved that we approve the resolution, Erica seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Full text as follows:**
 - a. *Whereas, appearing on the November 8th, 2016 ballot in Washtenaw County will be a proposal for a four-year road and non-motorized path millage (named the "Washtenaw Road Funding Solution") that would have 20% of the revenue generated (approximately \$1.4 million a year) to fund improvements to the County's non-motorized network, and*

Whereas, Non-motorized projects funded under this ballot issue, will include, but are not limited to pathways (such as the Border To Border Trail), bike lanes, widened shoulders, lighted crosswalks and sidewalks, and

Whereas, keeping in mind that the local funds raised by the millage would be \$1.4 million a year, this amount could be leveraged to secure up to \$7 million a year in State or federal non-motorized grants;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the _WBWC_ endorses the Washtenaw Road Funding Solution millage that will appear on the November 8th, 2016 ballot in Washtenaw County, and

Be It Further Resolved that we urge everyone interested in more and improved non-motorized facilities in Washtenaw County to vote in favor of this millage on November 8th.

Bicycle Advisory Council:

1. Next steps for BAC - Pete, Erica, and Bradley met to figure out next steps. Pete proposes a small group meeting with a few people from WBWC. Erica communicated that Common Cycle would like to increase the momentum behind this group, and create actual collaboration. Change the scope to focus on Ann Arbor based organizations instead of County-wide.
2. Bike Co-op - Common Cycle is still working on finding a space.

Communications Committee:

1. Newsletter deadline and content - Deadline is October 1. Articles need to get to David and Bob.
2. AA News/MLive coverage of bike crashes - Peter suggested adding links to the articles on the WBWC website.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Robert was unable to attend in person, but sent out the July 2016 Financial Report. **Bob moved to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**
2. Bob reminded the Board that there is an outstanding order for more Bicycle Maps. **Peter moved to approve disbursement not to exceed \$200 to purchase maps. Bob seconded. Motion passed 6-0.**

Projects Committee:

1. Proposal for funding a project on Fuller for to fill a B2B/C2C gap - Still trying to come up with ideas for fundraising.
2. Scio Church Road improvement - Peter reported on the Scio Church Road Improvements Meeting on September 7. Road diet and turn lane reconfiguration between 7th and Main.

New Business:

1. Erica had an update on the annual meeting. Leah Shahaum from Vision Zero is willing to come to Ann Arbor the week of November 7th but is too big of a speaker for the WBWC meeting space. It might be better to invite her to speak sometime in February, and coordinate with UM School of Urban Planning to host.
2. Kathy reported that there was controversy about the planned Circle K at Packard and Stadium. The proposed building is too close to the corner and will block pedestrian sight lines. Other events are the September 26 train station meeting, and October 16 reception for Howard Lazarus at Kathy's house.
3. Steve is trying to organize some skills classes for bike riding in traffic. Did one in May and one in August as the RecSports "Cycling in the City" series. Barbara did an interview with Steve for her radio show. Would like to do more, including a winter commuting one, or something for younger kids (6th grade or so).

Adjournment:

Markus moved to adjourn. Erica seconded. **Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 20:02**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 5:45 pm at the Ecology Center.