

WBWC November 2015 Meeting Minutes

The document below contains the minutes for the 11/12/2015 Board Meeting followed by the minutes of the 11/12/2015 Annual Membership Meeting

WBWC Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

Conor O'Neill's, 318 S Main St, Ann Arbor, MI

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

Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 6:35pm prior to the start of the annual WBWC Membership Meeting. The only agenda item was the establishment of a WBWC Bicycle Advisory Council.

Prior to the evening, Erica submitted the following document concerning the proposed Council...

Bicycle Advisory Council

Background: Based on the feedback received by the organizations and businesses who participated in the October 18th Bicycle Coalition Meeting organized by WBWC, there appears to be support for the development of an advisory board to WBWC. This board or council would work collaboratively to more efficiently and effectively advance the vision of making Washtenaw County a national leader in bicycling.

Recommendation to WBWC Board:

- Support the formation of a Bicycle Advisory Council at November Annual Meeting

Name: WBWC Bicycle Advisory Council

Purpose: To foster greater collaboration among bicycling organizations and businesses in Washtenaw County in order to more efficiently and effectively advance the vision of making Washtenaw County a national leader in bicycling.

Potential Goals:

1. To foster greater inter-group collaboration and communication
2. To develop an active working group which will utilize the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Bicycle Friendly Community Assessment Framework to identify target areas where collective efforts could advance our vision of becoming a national leader in bicycling
3. To advise WBWC to advocate for policies and facilities on behalf of the bicycling community

Proposed Membership Guidelines: Members shall be comprised of nonprofit organizations with a portion of their mission dedicated to working with or for bicyclists, as well as for profit bike shops and businesses with their headquarters based in Washtenaw County. Membership will be free. Membership in the Advisory Council shall be acknowledged on the WBWC website

Proposed Joint promotion: The purpose of joint promotion is strengthen knowledge and support of the member organization and WBWC within Washtenaw County. WBWC shall highlight members on community resource page on the WBWC website and highlight members once a year in our quarterly newsletter. Members agree to link to the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition on their website and encourage their members once a year to consider joining WBWC in an electronic newsletter or email outreach.

Meetings: Quarterly meetings, potentially hosted by different groups (for instance: October- WBWC, January- Common Cycle, April- AABTS, July Bike Ypsi)

Suggested Next steps:

- Update bylaws at January retreat to reflect new standing committee if external support remains for the formation of this committee
- Send this working document & an assessment framework to potential council members for review and information
- Work with Nate from Common Cycle to organize January meeting
- Lead board members: Erica Briggs, Pete Houk and Markus Nee

A discussion was held on the establishment of a Council and the above document, with concerns about when to move forward, document input and members of the Council. Another concern was that if a Council is formed for bicyclists, perhaps one should be formed also for pedestrians in the future.

A motion was then made by Erica, seconded by Pete, to approve the formation of a Bicycle Advisory Council as a Committee within the WBWC as proposed in the draft Bicycle Advisory Council document. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business, a motion was made by Pete, seconded by Larry, to adjourn the WBWC Board of Directors meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

**WBWC Board Of Directors Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
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Board Members Attending: Erica Briggs, Larry Deck, Robert Gordon, Barbara Lucas, Peter Houk, and Bob Krzewinski.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:20pm with a welcoming statement and overview of the WBWC and it's work by WBWC Chair Pete Houk, as well as a reminder for WBWC members to vote at the meeting for the election of WBWC Board of Directors members.

Following Pete's comments, Barbara Lucas gave a presentation on a proposal in the State Legislature to allow the raising of certain speed limits by the 85th percentile of recorded traffic speeds

After Barbara's presentation, Pete urged all attending the event this evening that were not WBWC members to join the organization. He then introduced the keynote speaker, Linda Diane Feldt, who along with Chip Smith, gave a talk on the Ann Arbor Pedestrian Safety Task Force, its recommendations and also the Vision Zero proposal to cut pedestrian deaths to zero.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Board Of Directors election results were announced with Larry Deck and Peter Houk reappointed, and Markus Nee appointed, to the Board for a two-year term.

With no other business, the meeting concluded at 8:55pm.