

WBWC

October 2016 Board Meeting

October 13, 2016, 6:00 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: Tracy Beeson
Peter Houk
Robert Gordon
Barbara Lucas
David Shinabarger
Bob Krzewinski
Larry Deck
Markus Nee

Board Members Arrived Later:

Board Members Absent: Erica Briggs
Craig Lyon

Audience: Valerie Shinabarger
Bradley Parsons

Adoption of Agenda:

Peter added a discussion about sharrows to the agenda (City Transportation Committee under Government Relations).

Bob would like to give an update on five items (New Business).

Larry would like to talk about Get Downtown's "Conquer The Cold".

Barbara moved to adopt the agenda as amended. David seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Agenda adopted.

Communication from the Chair:

1. Pete reviewed the mission statement.
2. Look ahead to next month
 - a. Annual meeting (November 2), no regular Board meeting in November.
 - b. Newsletter publication date (October 15).

Secretary's Report:

1. September Minutes - **Robert moved to approve the September 2016 Board meeting minutes. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 8-0, September 2016 Minutes adopted.**
2. Markus gave a reminder of upcoming deadlines:
 - a. Annual meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2016 at Conor O'Neill.

Nominating Committee:

1. Volunteers for setup and membership processing/check-in. The room will be available starting at 6pm.
 - a. Setup - Robert, Bob, and Markus are able to help set up.
 - b. Membership processing - David can operate the Square Reader for new member registrations. David can meet with Erica to find out how to do this.
2. Ballot - Three returning Board members (Larry, Peter, Markus). Everyone else will be on the ballot. Bradley Parsons has been nominated to be a new Board member.
3. Approve expenditure - The cost for Conor O'Neill's is higher than last year's cost was. **Larry moved to update expenditure request to an amount not exceeding \$700. Tracy seconded. Motion passed 8-0, expenditure request approved.**

Speakers will be John Lindenmeyer and Howard Lazarus.

Education Committee:

1. Update on Driver's Ed programs - Barbara reported that Reena has reached out to multiple driver's education programs:

Mailed:

- 1 Stop Better Driving School (2)

Emailed:

- Accelr8 Driver Education (1) : currently not offering AA classes; Jackson only but wanted the info
- All Star Driver Education (11)
- Ann Arbor Driving School (1)
- Auto Club Services - AAA (1) : but she plans to use it for other states
- Champion Driving Schools (3)
- Easy Method Inc (1)
- Trainco Inc (1)
- ABC Training and Testing (2)
- Courtesy Driving School (1) : not interested in it
- Saline Area Schools (1)

- All Stars Truck Driving School (1)
- Master Driving School (2)

Government Relations Committee:

1. Crosswalk guidelines meeting - Erica and Larry went to the meeting yesterday. The City presented a flow chart. Erica took notes and will send out a report to the Board. Barbara asked if increased citizen complaints might help make the City more responsive.
2. 85th Percentile Speed Limits - Robert reported that the Senate will be in session and this is on the agenda for next Thursday. Barbara reported that Dr. Timothy Gates from MSU has been providing very thorough testimony in opposition to this. Barbara asked for more people to provide testimony. Barbara will be submitting the WBWC position statement letter to be included in the Senate testimony for October 20.
3. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) walking/biking audits - Tracy reported that the Ann Arbor STEAM School at Northside has won a grant to conduct a study on walking and biking during the month of October. Tracy will attend the first meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the school's Multi-Purpose Room.
4. City Transportation Committee - Bradley reported that there was an incident where someone got doored because the sharrows on 4th Street are painted in the door zone of parked cars. It's likely that Ann Arbor's sharrows do not meet standards for placement. Bradley talked to Chuck W (City Council) about the possibility of a Transportation Manager who can keep track of these things (sharrow and crosswalk guidelines, etc). There is not enough budget currently. Bradley suggested that an alternative may be to have representatives from advocacy groups review design proposals and point out problems to the City.
 - a. Peter recommends formalizing a way to get WBWC's concerns onto the City's agenda.
 - b. Peter and Larry recommended that Bradley can also try going through the Alt Transportation Committee.
 - c. There also needs to be analysis of incidents and figure out contributing factors due to infrastructure.
 - d. Barbara is recommending using A2 Fixit to log complaints. David brought up that there is also a traffic complaint form that can be used. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1463514/Ann-Arbor-Traffic-Complaint-Questionnaire>
 - e. Tracy asked if there are connections with AAATA and UM P&TS to educate bus drivers about being safe around cyclists. Robert knows who to contact.

Communications Committee:

1. Bob reported that newsletter will be published on the 15th and press releases and facebook postings for the Annual Meeting will go out the following week.
 - a. Robert recommended sending direct invitations to the annual meeting to Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti City Council, Washtenaw County Commission, and State Representatives.
 - b. Valerie recommended cross-posting to the Save Our Streets Facebook group. David will do it.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Robert presented the October 2016 Financial Report.

David moved to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 8-0. October Financial Report accepted.

Projects Committee:

1. Proposal for funding a project on Fuller - Larry and Peter discussed raising private funds to complement public funds. Barbara suggested making a fun fundraiser, like a bike ride to an event destination. Bradley suggested teaming up with AABTS or Bike-In to organize a fundraiser.
2. Pittsfield trail letter - Larry wrote a draft letter in support of Pittsfield Township extending the trail system with the new Platt-Textile Greenway. The Board reviewed and approved it. Peter will send it out.
3. Lower Town vision for biking and walking - Barbara has been trying to get residents of Lower Town to work on a vision for the area. Feedback has mostly been resistance to change. However, with the upcoming Train Station project, change will happen anyway, so Barbara wants to make sure that the interests of the neighborhood are included in the changes. David recommended getting Sic Transit Cycle involved. Barbara will send out a doodle poll to see who wants to get involved.

New Business:

1. Bob reported - <http://www.justfixtheroads.org> website to campaign for Non-Motorized Projects on Nov 8 Ballot. Wheels In Motion has yard signs available. Bob gave updates on a few other events happening, and will bring flyers and handouts to the Annual Meeting to share with the membership.
2. Bradley reported that a Common Cycle volunteer met with UM people and Eli Cooper, to discuss how to make bicycling safer on campus. Stephen Cronenberg's requested to invite Bradley and Erica to the meeting (as WBWC representatives) was denied. Two positive outcomes: Eli aligned himself with bicycle and walking concerns, and Stephen will be meeting further with accessibility representatives. Andrew Westphal (UMCC) is building an advocacy group within UM.
3. Larry gave an update on a public information meeting, B2B Trail, and Conquer the Cold.

Adjournment:

Robert moved to adjourn. Tracy seconded. **Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 20:05**

The next meeting will be on November 2, 2016 at Conor O'Neill.