

In attendance:

J. Blackwood, R. Ford, Alderman R. Grosch, G. Pascucci and J. Vitale.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk A. Hurd

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Blackwood called the meeting to order at 4:37pm and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Dated January 16, 2019

A motion was made and seconded (G. Pascucci, R. Grosch) to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes with the addition of the shared use path sidewalk ordinance definitions that were approved (item 6 from last meeting). Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding the Creation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Handbook

The Committee wanted to create a handbook with preferences for on-road accommodations to have some consistency for every time a project starts, in the event that there is a different consultant doing it every time.

Mr. Blackwood then referred to shared use paths and defined them as paths shared by bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, and roller bladers. He felt they should consider what kind of material to have it made out of, and his preference was asphalt. It is generally less expensive and there are no joints.

Regarding the width of the path, ten feet would be the standard and the starting point. They could go down to eight feet in constrained areas, and six feet in isolated spots such as a power pole area. The Committee felt there would be no need to go to 12 feet, as there would not be enough volume to warrant that.

As far as location, it should be as far away from the road as feasible, especially from a safety standpoint. With curb and gutter it would be a five foot minimum. It was noted that the State has a chart to follow. They would also request having the pathway meander to avoid trees. Mr. Blackwood suggested having it stay as close to the right-of-way line as feasible without impacting trees and landscaping and a minimum of five feet away from the roadway.

Discussion took place regarding shoulders and clearances as relates to the slope of the path, as well as the distance of fixed objects. The Committee would request fences for steep slopes.

Discussion also took place regarding design speed, radius on curves, grades and slopes. It was noted that we should strive to meet ADA requirements.

The Committee discussed putting in yellow detectable warning fields any time the path crosses thru any curb and gutter to meet the edge of the road.

Vegetation would need to get trimmed back so that there would be an adequate distance to safely stop or see other bikers. It should be cut back at least three feet, and some sharper corners would require more.

Mr. Blackwood recommended keeping manholes out of the trails.

Discussion then took place regarding stop signs and having them on the path any time it crosses a public roadway. There should be stop signs before the path, not on the path. There should be cross walks when crossing an intersection. Flashing beacons should be put in to reiterate that traffic is required to stop.

Mr. Blackwood then suggested following the section for what a path would look like on bridges as far as what barriers are needed.

The Committee then discussed the idea of boardwalks and railings.

Mr. Pascucci felt the highlights were good and he wanted to follow the Wisconsin guidelines and summarize the preferences.

Mr. Grosch was concerned about a minimum ten foot path. Mr. Pascucci felt they should suggest ten feet but eight feet would be set as the minimum.

5. Discussion to Select the Next Meeting Date and Possible Items to Go on the Upcoming Agenda

Mr. Grosch suggested inviting someone from the Engineering Department to the next meeting to discuss the projects that could be started this year. Mr. Blackwood noted the budget has a line item for approximately \$300,000 to be spent this year. The Engineering Department could give the Committee an update as to where that stands. Mr. Grosch stated he would invite City Engineer Jeff Weigel.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 20th at 4:30pm.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (R. Grosch, G. Pascucci) to adjourn the meeting at 5:32pm.

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ami Hurd
Deputy Clerk