

In attendance: Alderman S. Bierce, Citizen Members R. Ford, J. Leonhardt, V. Millevolte and J. Vitale. J. Blackwood was absent and excused. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer K. Tarczewski.

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Alderman Bierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 Public Comment – None.

3.0 Introduction and Background of the Committee Members

Steve Bierce is a City Alderman. John Vitale enjoys cycling and works for the Pewaukee School District. Vinny Millevolte is the manager of the VeloCity Cycling bike store. Jim Blackwood is an engineer at R.A. Smith and is a biker. Ross Ford is an avid bicyclist. Julie Leonhardt is one of the founders of Pewaukee Pedestrian & Bike Network. Mr. Bierce recognized the extensive knowledge the members bring to the committee.

5.0 Discussion and Possible Action to Determine the Future Direction of the Committee.

This item was taken out of order. Mr. Bierce invited suggestions on what the committee members thought the Committee's direction as a group should be.

Ms. Leonhardt requested a change in the name of committee from the Bike Path Committee to the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee. She suggested setting goals which may include education, engineering and enforcement. She proposed looking at other community benchmarks to ensure Pewaukee is not eclipsed by the progress of surrounding communities. Ms. Leonhardt recommended having a community audit done. She stated there are organizations that do that, sometimes at no cost and they would make recommendations for improvements. She added looking for resources to set policies. Mrs. Leonhardt stated she'd like to identify the Committee's role and lastly she stated she'd like to understand how to work within the City's budget cycle.

Mr. Blackwood submitted some ideas in writing (which are attached to the minutes) and the committee reviewed his ideas.

Mr. Millevolte stated a group in Watertown raised private funds for improvements. Mr. Bierce stated it was important to show the Council that we have "skin in the game" and have the support of the community.

Again, Ms. Leonhardt requested a change in the name of the committee. She suggested Bike and Pedestrian Planning Committee to be more inclusive.

Ms. Leonhardt stated the Wisconsin Bike Federation has a series for advocates and how to improve biking in your community. She said they recommended creating a governmental committee and separate advocate group, like the Pewaukee Pedestrian Bike Network, that can promote events and fundraise.

The committee members also discussed having a mission statement. They were all given an assignment to come up with a mission statement for the group to be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Leonhardt stated the Wisconsin Bike Federation (WBF) also suggested Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation of Planning.

Mr. Bierce stated at some point the group will have to research inter-municipal plans to see how the City measures up to other communities and see if we can work with them to further our plans. He said the County will offer to build the paths in the City's plan when they reconstruct their roads.

Mr. Bierce stated City staff are wonderful resources if anyone needs additional information.

There was discussion amongst the members to contact area municipalities to discover what their plans are, what type of infrastructure they have and whether or not they have a committee that drives the plan. Mr. Millevolte stated he could contact the Village of Pewaukee and Hartland. Mr. Blackwood was assigned the City of Brookfield and the City of Waukesha. Mr. Ford stated he would do Lisbon and Sussex. Ms. Leonhardt volunteered to do Delafield and Oconomowoc and Mr. Vitale stated he would contact the County. The members were directed to give the information to Ms. Tarczewski so that it can be distributed.

Ms. Leonhardt stated she'd be willing to look into biking advocacy groups as well.

Mr. Vitale stated if the committee wanted to get the word out about bike safety or the like to the students he could distribute to the students as long as it was from a nonprofit agency.

Ms. Leonhardt suggested possibly hosting a "bike to school" week. Mr. Vitale stated the school buses kids under 8 years old because there are no safe ways to travel to the school.

Ms. Leonhardt stated the Wisconsin Bike Federation can recommend resources to do community audits. They would identify "hot zones" such as a school or park and determine whether or not there are safe routes to get to these locations. She said typically the radius is 1 mile out for walking and 2.5 miles for biking. Mr. Vitale stated the school district has something similar to this already. It was also suggested to take the Mayor and Alderman on a bike tour of these areas to give them a feel for the safety of the children. Mr. Millevolte stated he would make contact with Dan Gibes of the Wisconsin Bike Federation and see if he would be able to attend the next meeting to do a presentation or offer suggestions related to having an audit done.

Mr. Bierce suggested finding other groups that could possibly support the efforts of the Bike & Pedestrian Planning Committee and possibly do fundraising. Ms. Leonhardt volunteered to research and find area bike and pedestrian advocate groups to present to the committee at the next meeting. She said one of them is the Pewaukee Pedestrian Bike Network run by her husband Steve. Mr. Vitale stated the Kiwanis like to do things for children in the community and they may be a resource. Mr. Bierce stated if the groups could get "heads in beds" funds may be available from the Tourism Commission. Mr. Millevolte stated possibly the City could create better routes for the triathlon. Mr. Ross suggest safe paths to the Sports Complex.

There was discussion on how frequently the group will meet. It was determined the group would meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, (V. Millevolte, J. Leonhardt) to change the name of the committee to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee.

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

4.0 Review and Discussion Regarding the 2003 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan by R.A. Smith and the

Bike Trail Map

Mr. Bierce invited the committee members to review the map so that they can discuss next time. He asked them to consider possible new paths, path connections that make sense and identify paths that don't seem logical.

Mr. Bierce stated he would speak to our DPW Director to determine what road projects are proposed for the upcoming couple of years and see if he can get that same information from the County.

There was discussion where the group could possibly make recommendations to reduce the speed limits in certain areas or request signs or flashing lights. Ms. Leonhardt stated Mr. Blackwood would be the expert on whether or not that would be effective. Mr. Ross stated people speed where they feel more comfortable. Ms. Leonhardt suggested speed humps.

6.0 Public Comment – None.

7.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded, (J. Leonhardt, R. Ford) to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Tarczewski
Clerk/Treasurer