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Public Works Department

Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission
Thursday, March 7, 2019
8:00 AM
Administration Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Ron Heinritz
Chair Carol Leonard
Commissioner John Liegeois
Commissioner Kristin Wade
Commissioner Maggie Sewart
Commissioner Janice Druetzler-Katz
Vice Chair T. Azinger

Also present were assistant City Engineer Henk and Administrative Assistant Vento. Alderman Schneider was also in attendance.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Vice Chair Azinger made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 6, 2018.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Heinritz

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Liegeois, Wade, Sewart, Druetzler-Katz, Azinger

3. Resident Communications

Citizens wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. If you desire to be heard on agenda items, you may be heard when that item is considered on the agenda. The time limitation is FIVE minutes. Please state your name and address.

Chair Leonard noted that Alderman Schneider was here to speak regarding a bridge over Mequon Road at the OIT. His comments will be deferred until discussion of that item in 4d.

4. Discussion/Action Items

a. Resident Survey

Assistant City Engineer Henk handed out a memorandum and draft public welfare survey. Between official Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission meetings there was an opportunity for some questions to be added to the resident survey being developed by the Public Welfare Committee. The e-mail vote for the questions on the survey was as follows: 5 for and 2 unresponsive with the motion passing.

The Public Welfare Committee did choose to change the wording slightly but the intent of the questions remained the same. Items 20, 28 and 29 were developed by the Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission.

b. Promoting Biking and Bicycle Safety Education Outreach

Vice Chair Azinger passed out a sample brochure and hoped to have a final brochure for next month.

c. Priority Information List - Grants

Chair Leonard has a list of about 12 grants and will review the list and bring it back next month for the Commission to review.

d. Bridge Over Mequon at OIT

Alderman Schneider handed out information regarding underpasses/grade separation. Discussion on the feasibility of the crossing ensued. The discussion included:

- The proximity of the trail to the overhead wires.
- The proximity of the trail to the railroad tracks.
- The funding of a grade separation and associated studies/design.
- The timeline for implementation.
- Revising the Bike and Pedestrian Way Prioritization List to make a grade separation at Mequon Road and the top priority of the Commission.

1. Vice Chair Azinger made a motion to swap items 1 and 2 on the Prioritization List making item one the Bridge over Mequon Rd at OIT and to change the wording to read Grade Separation at Mequon Rd & the OIT.

The next step of the process is to gather the information needed to verify all of the utilities, land owners and easements in the area and any other constraints. A Request for Proposals may be needed to do a full feasibility study.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]
MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Sewart

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Liegeois, Wade, Sewart, Druetzler-Katz, Azinger

5. Other Business

Assistant City Engineer Henk noted that the Annual Report for Bikeway Commission is due in April.

Vice Chair Azinger noted that there was an inquiry regarding the intersection at Main St and Green Bay Rd in Thiensville. The Bikeway Commission previously provided a recommendation on this item.

6. Adjourn

a. Vice Chair Azinger made a motion to adjourn.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Commissioner Azinger

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Druetzler-Katz

AYES: Heinritz, Leonard, Liegeois, Wade, Sewart, Druetzler-Katz, Azinger

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Vento