

CITY OF MONONA
Ad Hoc Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee
Thursday, February 22, 2018
MINUTES - draft

1. **Call To Order:** 6:30 pm by committee chair, Doug Wood.
2. **Roll Call:**
Members present: Chair Doug Wood, Mary Possin, Angie Fassl, Julia Byrnes, Larry Reed, Leslie Busse
Members Excused Absent: Co-Chair Chad Speight
City Staff Present: Director of Public Works – Dan Stephany, Public Works Project Manager – Brad Bruun,
City Administrator – April Little, Police Lieutenant – Curt Wiegel.
Professional Guests: Strand Engineers Inc. – Josh Straka and Tom Lynch
3. **Approval of Minutes:** None to approve
4. **Appearances:** None
5. **Unfinished Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Committee Member Introductions**
The meeting members gave brief introductions and relevancy of experiences.
 - B. **Review Proposed Pedestrian and Bicycle Process**
Chair Doug Wood gave a brief description of the scope of work for the committee. Mr. Wood’s directive to the committee would be to develop a pedestrian and bike improvements plan. Tom Lynch of Strand Engineers Inc. presented on the process by which to address pedestrian and bicycle problems in Monona. Mr. Lynch outlined a typical planning process that will be used by the Committee to develop a list of pedestrian and bicycle related issues, prioritize that list, communicate that list to the public, and then select the proper solutions to create the best possible improvements for those issues.

Agenda Items – C. Discuss Street Maps, D. Introduction to Complete Streets, E. Brief Review of Previous Studies, H. Confirm Destinations, and I. Review Current Treatments Available

Mr. Wood requested that members of the committee highlight areas on a map of streets in Monona that they felt had issues pertaining to safe and efficient pedestrian or bicycle travel. Committee members discussed these areas in detail. Mr. Lynch presented different types of treatments for intersections and roadways that have potential application to some of the locations highlighted by the committee members. Mr. Lynch described Complete Streets and NACTO guidelines for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Staff informed members of the UniverCity Alliance reports on Sustainable Transportation. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Bruun pointed out several examples of roadway safety issues identified in those reports and the subsequent suggested roadway improvements. Mr. Lynch referenced the policy/ordinance in Monona prohibiting bikers from riding on sidewalks and directly referenced this toward issues with bikers on sidewalks along Atwood Avenue and Monona Drive. Mr. Lynch followed this by stating most bike accidents happen at intersections or driveways and not along stretches of roadway. Mr. Lynch followed by stating that there are different types of cyclists and that trying to develop infrastructure to suit the majority type of cyclists is important. The majority type of cyclists Mr. Lynch mentioned are “Interested but concerned”. Other types of cyclists referenced by Mr. Lynch included experienced and inexperienced bikers, which tend to make up the rest of the minority of cyclists. For the upcoming meeting Mr. Lynch asked the group to send him a summary of areas in the City that the members believed have issues needing to be addressed.

Agenda Items - F. Establish Committee Goals and Objectives & G. Discuss Potential Evaluation Measures for Goals and Objectives

The group discussed the goals and objectives for the committee. Most of the committee’s efforts will focus on engineering improvements for pedestrians and bikers in Monona. Educational and outreach focus is a

concern but not the goal of the committee at this point in time. The overall goal is to provide safe & convenient pedestrian and bicycle accommodations that connect Monona neighborhoods to community destinations and the greater region.

7. **Next Meeting:** TBD

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM – Motion by Larry Reed and Leslie Busse

Prepared By:
Brad Bruun

Please contact Brad Bruun, bbruun@ci.monona.wi.us, 608-222-2525 with any questions about the minutes or meeting agendas.