# WBWC Board Meeting Minutes March 2021

March 3, 2021, 7pm Virtual Meeting

### **Board Members Present**

Valerie Shinabarger
Matt Catanzarite
Larry Deck
Seth Peterson
Bradley Parsons
Fred Feng
William Van Geest
Robert Gordon

### **Board Members Absent**

Jaime Magiera

### **Guests Present**

Kathy Griswold

Meeting called to order

- review mission statement

# **Adopted Agenda**

# **Items from the Chair**

Board Development updates:

Provide some bio information for the website and new board members.

Time to renew our LMB Membership (\$100). Revisit all partner organizations in April.

# **Director Reports**

- 1. Secretary: Adopt February Minutes (minor correction to wording on Ann Arbor's usage of Snow Buddy Report)
- 2. Treasurer: Review of Financial Report

# **Communications Committee updates:**

- Ypsilanti to reconfigure intersections to improve safety, thanks for the quick response in support!
- Tagged by DDA for upcoming people friendly streets workshops, coordinate our communication with Bike Alliance (Andy Burkhardt)
- Compiling organizational history of WBWC for upcoming 20 year Celebration! To be used in outreach, website, etc.

# **Volunteer Recruitment Committee updates:**

- Volunteer opportunity calendar underway
- Compiling list of potential volunteers based on past correspondence
- Connecting Ken Clark (bike Parking) with the appropriate channels is under way, thanks Larry.

  Letter of justification for proposing bike parking improvements, preemptive question answering
- Action Item report on the the expanding list of volunteers solicited through the website
- Tap into University student potential as a reciprocal partnership though volunteership/internship experience

# **Healthy Streets Committee updates**

City council has committed to a better rollout of the 2021 program per 2020 criticisms. (Kathy Griswold) Alternative options to avoid the construction zone, planters, etc.

Does implementation hang on budgeting and unanimous support?

Include a push for 20mph neighborhood speeds, need for safer residential areas (20 is plenty).

## **Packard Bikeway Committee updates**

Met with WCRC Managing Director during an AMA session - some back and forth surrounding issues of different configurations and expenses. Packard is really the primary corridor for safer non-motorized travel between Ypsi and Ann Arbor of the 3 options all over 45mph (Packard, Ellsworth, Washtenaw). Exploring right-of-way ownership, sidewalks ownership, easement use etc.

Explore policies regarding responsibility for safety of road users within these easements.

Pressure to follow complete streets guidelines, as supported.

## **Outreach Committee updates**

Still exploring our objectives, possible rebranding in conjunction with the 20th anniversary. Additional Volunteer opportunity for someone with graphic design experience etc.

### **WBWC** comments on draft Ann Arbor Transportation Plan

Support the final draft of recommendations and move to submit them to the city.

# Ann Arbor sidewalk snow removal

Would be ideal to approach sidewalk clearing in a similar way as roads where the trunk lines are cleared first. City's proposal may include DDA funding the clearing of downtown crosswalks/ramps. Ancillary issues that are brought forth during snow storms include bus stops, and primarily what happens after a plow truck moves through an area and leaves mounds in public space (bike lanes/sidewalks) making it impassable. Would be interested in seeing a comparison of the expense put towards clearing roads vs clearing sidewalks (salt included).

# **Meeting Updates:**

The A2Zero plan has not yet given proportional attention to transportation related emissions.

## **New Business:**

**Upcoming DDA People Friendly Streets workshops** 

## **Future Ann Arbor Priorities**

More Safe Streets type experiments

Determine where best practices can be put into place

Further completion of priority project map initiatives including B2B etc...

Involve student groups to build campus connectivity initiatives

New A2 Council -

"20 is plenty" campaign - Enforcement?

concerted effort to design an actual low stress bike network, wayfinding

Winter season sidewalk clearing

Added crosswalks new obvious location and between crosswalk gaps

Transportation Master Plan involvement

# **Action Items determined during meeting:**

- Everyone:
  - o meet with your committee, work on plans/tasks
- Valerie:
  - collect bios of board members for website + orientation packet
  - Review Bank of Ann Arbor bank statement and compare to most recent financial statement
  - Submit final draft of comments on a2 transportation plan to the city
- Larry:
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  - Reach out to people who posted in WBWC google group forum
  - connect with Ken Clark and CM Erica Briggs on possible next steps for exploring covered bike parking in city of A2
- Jaime
  - sign and return conflict of interest agreement
- Brad:
  - o reach out to Victoria Green to see if she's interested in joining the board
- Matt
  - Let WBWC know asap when the IRS reports back to us through mail or by phone about our tax status
- Robert:
  - Prepare list of proposed organizations for WBWC to vote on donating to for April meeting
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  - Renew LMB membership