

# WBWC

## December 2016 Board Meeting

December 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

The Ecology Center, 339 E. Liberty, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### Call to Order:

Pete called the meeting to order at:	18:07
Board Members Present:	Erica Briggs Peter Houk Barbara Lucas Larry Deck Markus Nee
Board Members Arrived Later:	Tracy Beeson Bradley Parsons
Board Members Absent:	Robert Gordon Bob Krzewinski Craig Lyon David Shinabarger
Audience:	Jack Eaton Kathy Griswold Michael Firm

#### Adoption of Agenda:

**Erica moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Larry seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Agenda adopted.**

#### Communication from the Chair:

1. Pete reviewed the mission statement.
2. Look ahead to next month
  - a. Annual retreat - Pete proposed January 21, several people can't make it. Pete proposed January 28 or 29 instead.
  - b. Newsletter deadlines (January 2 submissions, January 15 publish).
3. New meeting time - Third Thursdays of the month, Pete would like to move the start time back to 7pm. This can be decided at the Annual Retreat in January.

### **Secretary's Report:**

1. October Minutes - **Larry moved to approve the October 2016 Board meeting minutes. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 5-0, October 2016 Minutes adopted.**
2. Annual Meeting Minutes - **Larry moved to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 5-0, Annual Meeting Minutes adopted.**
3. Markus gave a reminder of upcoming deadlines:
  - a. Newsletter deadlines: Jan 2 for submissions, Jan 15 for publication.
  - b. Communication Chair - needs to renew web domain in March.

### **Nominating Committee:**

1. Report on Annual Meeting - Pete reported that the approved amount was \$700 and the actual cost was \$809. Looking for alternative locations for next year. **Larry moved to approve the overage for reimbursement to Pete. Erica seconded. Motion passed 6-0, reimbursement approved.**
  - a. Tracy recommended Menlo Innovations offices. Pete and Tracy will talk about it.
2. Officer Appointments -
  - a. Board Chair - Peter Houk
  - b. Treasurer - Robert Gordon
  - c. Secretary - Markus Nee (Erica will fill in when Markus is unavailable)
  - d. Vice Chair - David Shinabarger**Barbara moved to elect this slate of officers, Larry seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Officers appointed.**

### **Bicycle Advisory Council:**

1. Bike Summit Meeting tentatively scheduled for February 12, from 11am-2pm.
  - a. 1.5 hours official business
  - b. 45 minutes chat and food
  - c. 45 minutes of actionLocation to be determined.

### **Government Relations Committee:**

1. Crosswalk guidelines meeting - Pete, Erica, Barbara, and Larry went to the meeting. Pete reported that the attendees were able to express their opinion that the guidelines as they currently stand are not adequate. Barbara reported that the meeting mostly consisted of the City explaining what their limitations were (budget constraints), rather than active problem solving. The work session attendees were under the impression that budget constraints would not apply to safety concerns.

Jack explained that the meeting should have been used to identify the different types of crosswalks, and which designs to use under which conditions. There is still effort behind the scenes to get uniform and consistent crosswalk designs that are more than the minimum standards. The scenarios in the meeting were more of an overview of what City Staff have been doing in the past. There was discussion about budget priorities, and whether transit spending is in competition with crosswalk improvements. Jack explained that since the RTA millage failed, commuter rail won't be funded for operation for at least two years. Ann Arbor could delay the construction of the new train station and improve pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure in the meantime.

Planning Commission will be having a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan on January 18th.

Peter introduced Michael Firn, co-owner of Sic Transit Cycles and participant in the Transportation Commission

2. Safe Passing Ordinance - Pete gave an update on the passage of the safe passing ordinance in City Council, and the status of the state level ordinance. Bradley will be having an interview with David Fair(?) on December 19th about the 5-foot passing law and other bicycle safety topics. Pete will talk with Brad about topics to discuss.

There was discussion about education efforts about the new ordinance.

3. City Transportation Committee recommendations - Pete would like WBWC to endorse Bradley and Michael as members. **Erica moved to endorse Bradley Parsons and Michael Firn to serve on the Transportation Committee. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Bradley abstained.**
4. "Safety Tax" - Government relations committee will consider the pros and cons of a new millage specifically to fund crosswalk safety. Jack said that there should already be money in the roads millage that can be used for alternative transportation. An additional millage may not be popular and should not be necessary, and would delay funding until after an election, and after a year of tax collection. Erica said that there needs to be more research into what works in these situations in other cities (separate tax vs existing funds, and clearly setting priorities).

#### **Communications Committee:**

1. Newsletter Deadline and Content - Pete will write an article about the 5-foot passing ordinance. Tracy will write an article about the close call database website. Erica will ask A2 Safe Transport for an article. Other topics: Winter maintenance, municipal snow clearing efforts, how to report issues via A2 Fix It.
2. Visual Identity - Bradley reported that a student project can update the WBWC and Bicycle Alliance branding and logo. Erica and Tracy will help out with providing source materials and vision.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

1. Robert presented the December 2016 Financial Summary via e-mail prior to the meeting. Total funds available as of December 14, 2016 is 14,608.59 in two accounts.

**Larry moved to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Erica seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Barbara was not present for the vote. October Financial Report accepted.**

**Projects Committee:**

1. Updates -
  - a. Capital Improvements Plan - draft is available EDIT 1/29/2017: online (in MLive article.)
    - i. Fuller and Maiden Lane improvement has been elevated in priority.
    - ii. Fuller crossing at Huron River is not currently in the plan (need resumption of discussion about raising private funds).
  - b. Campus to Campus - UM Campus Bike Club just getting established.
  - c. EDIT 1/29/2017: Creation of new ramps at Scheffler park.

**New Business:**

1. Sponsorship of a table at the PEAC Banquet - Pete recommended doing this again. **Barbara moved to approval an expenditure of \$250 to sponsor a table at the annual PEAC Banquet. Larry seconded. Motion passed 7-0.**
2. Close Call databases - Barbara researched different options for databases:
  - a. Closealldatabase.org - for reporting aggressive drivers
  - b. A2 Fix It - for reporting infrastructure hazards within city limits
  - c. Bikemaps.org - Canadian website for documenting collisions, bike thefts, and hazards.  
Barbara wants to work with them to increase usage in Washtenaw CountyDiscussion on how to use all three websites.

**Adjournment:**

**Tracy moved to adjourn. Barbara seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 20:10.**

The next meeting will be the Annual Retreat on January 28 or 29, 2017.