

## WBWC Board Meeting Minutes

February 2021

February 18, 2021, 7pm

Virtual Meeting

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### Board Members Present

Valerie Shinabarger

Matt Catanzarite

Larry Deck

Seth Peterson

Bradley Parsons

Fred Feng

William Van Geest

### Board Members Absent

Jaime Magiera

Robert Gordon

Meeting called to order

- review mission statement

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### Adopted Agenda

#### Items from the Chair

1. Vote: should we [call on the President](#) to end traffic deaths?
  - a. Board voted in favor, chair will sign
2. Share 2021 [Board Development Priorities](#)

### Director Reports

1. Secretary: Approved December Minutes
  2. Treasurer report was not submitted, not reviewed. WBWC will no longer approve financial reports during monthly minutes, only review them.
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### Partnership Opportunities

1. [Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative](#) Executive Committee - fundraising efforts and emphasize project completion. WBWC is glad to partner with HWPI in the near future to determine how we can collaborate on efforts. Larry Deck will take a seat on the HWPI executive committee in the short term until another WBWC member takes over in the long term.
2. [A2 Treeline Conservancy](#) - WBWC is expressing interest in on-site walking & biking promotion (table) along the 415 site in the not too distant future. Seth Peterson will connect with the Treeline Conservancy about tabling events in the future
3. [City of Ypsilanti Fiduciary Partnership opportunity](#): WBWC is interested in pursuing this partnership, looking forward to see what kind of projects we would be helping with in Ypsilanti. Seth Peterson will connect with City.

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### **Bike Summit 2021 updates**

63 Participants! Big thanks to everyone that helped out. Lots of positive feedback already, particularly with some of Fred's slides showing crash and driver data. There is growing interest in the packard bikeway and participation in opening up and expanding intra urban connectivity.

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### **Packard Bikeway Committee updates**

Acquired some additional info from WATS and traffic count data compiled from SEMCOG. Trying to learn a little more about the hierarchy of control over sections of Packard, speeds lane widths, etc (County board commission/road commission). Some additional examination of the road commissions letter stating reasons why it couldn't narrow lanes needs to be done.

Three points of the letter include federal funding requiring 11ft lanes, speed of traffic, and volume.

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### **Healthy Streets Committee updates**

Fred planning on joining Monthly meetings as an outsider on Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. More info to come, with emphasis on making a large public outreach communication effort for the forthcoming implementation.

Have our communications team at the ready to share and disseminate the information to be provided by City/DDA

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### **Communications Committee updates:**

People for Bikes - Top 10 Best protected bike lanes built in 2020 award! First street was nominated and won 7th in the nation! Great way for us to use our skills to boost the DDA. Big Thanks to William for submitting.

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### **Outreach Committee, Volunteer Recruitment updates**

Tabled and moving to next month

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### **Comments on [Ann Arbor Draft Transportation Plan](#)**

Great feedback. Decision to include some discussion of "no turn on red" in the downtown area. No objection to comments as they are. Larry will provide a final for review before submitting.

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### **Meeting Updates:**

#### 1. 7th St. Committee Mtg

Good recommendations for collecting better data, data driven decisions. Look forward to public outreach efforts. The Committee submitted its final recommendations and has finished. Big thanks to Seth for serving on the committee!

#### 2. Transportation Commission meeting

Healthy streets report - Looking to push for Ward 1 support for next season

Push for changing political opinions with favorable councils in moving on positive equitable transportation campaigns.

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**New Business** (Items not listed on the agenda)

1. Feedback from our solicitation of needs - Covered bike parking plan - Next Steps.

Ken Clark has prepared a valuable [Draft Bike Parking plan](#), likely will have to go through city commissions, transportation, planning. This presents itself as an opportunity for volunteers to step and lead the long term solutions while potentially finding more short term solutions that would allow WBWC to provide support. Look into ways to use our skills through communication to encourage short term solutions. Larry will connect Ken with CM Erica Briggs to consider next steps.

2. Snow Buddy Report - WBWC involvement should be rooted in a clear understanding of what's most important. City might not need staff analysis given the details of the snow buddy report. WBWC comments could be based on elements of the snow buddy report, knowing there are some exceptions. Issues include ramps, determining most important corridors. Familiarize ourselves with the snow buddy report, and how other municipalities manage the problem of sidewalk clearing. At next month's meeting we will have a more informed discussion around the problem knowing that money/budget might be a hurdle.

3. Safety Equipment request for Delonis - \$300 (Brad)

Finding sources for the vest/bracelets. Providing safety equipment is aligned with our mission, but would like to make sure that distribution is effective. Need someone to see it through, determining if this is the best way to do a similar program is still yet to be determined. WBWC approves up to \$300 to purchase hi-viz safety vests and Reflective Snap bracelets to distribute through the Delonis Center.

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**Next meeting: March 3rd****Adjourn****Zoom Meeting Notes:**

Informational thread on right turns on red:

<https://twitter.com/iWalkSafe/status/1319684677897244672>

Fred's [slides from the Bike Summit](#)

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## **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

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## **Action Items determined during meeting:**

- Everyone:
  - Review Snow Buddy Report in preparation for discussion on WBWC comments/recommendations at next board meeting
- Valerie:
  - will sign pledge to send to president
  - will continue work on board development projects, give update at next board meeting
- Larry:
  - will take a seat on the HWPI executive committee
  - will finalize WBWC comments (adding language on "no right turns on red" on the A2 transportation plan, and will share with board for final approval
  - will connect with Ken Clark and CM Erica Briggs on possible next steps for exploring covered bike parking in city of A2
- William
  - will send Larry all google group posts from Ken Clark regarding covered bike parking
  - will share A2 healthy streets posts/videos as the city of A2 puts them out
- William/Jaime
  - Continue work on communication committee, give update at next board meeting
- Seth:
  - will tell A2 Treeline Conservancy that we are interested in tabling future events at 415 site, Larry may join at tabled events if available
  - will let the City of Ypsilanti know we agree to serve as a fiduciary partner for future upcoming projects
  - will organize meeting for Outreach committee, give update at next board meeting
  - will organize meeting for volunteer recruitment sub-committee, give update at next board meeting
  - will continue work on Packard Bikeway project, give update at next board meeting
- Seth, Brad, and Robert: handle donation to Delonis
- Brad:
  - will reach out to Victoria Green to see if she's interested in joining the board
- Brad/Fred

- will continue work on healthy streets committee, give update at next board meeting
- Robert:
  - will share most recent financial report