

## **Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition Meeting Minutes - June 9, 2016**

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Houk at 6:05pm. Other Board members present were Erica Briggs, David Shinabarger, Tracy Beeson, Barbara Lucas, Robert Gordon, Craig Lyon, Larry Deck and Bob Krzewinski.
2. Adoption Of Agenda – With the addition of a small number of additional items, a motion was made by Robert, seconded by Larry, to adopt the draft agenda, passing unanimously.
3. Chairman's Report – Peter reviewed the WBWC Mission Statement and discussed the upcoming Ann Arbor Green Fair on June 10 where the WBWC will have an information table and provide valet bike parking. A discussion was then held on the recent bicycling tragedy in Kalamazoo and what actions/statements the WBWC could make on the event. Pete will work with Erica on a Kalamazoo statement for the newsletter. Bob suggested a local drive to enact the League of Michigan Bicyclists legislative drive for a five-foot passing and vulnerable user law.
4. Secretary Report – A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Robert, to accept the May minutes, passing unanimously. On Calendar items, it was noted that the WBWC Summer Newsletter deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Nominating Committee – A brief discussion was held on speakers for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting with potential speakers being from the League of Michigan Bicyclists, the Program To Educate All Cyclists or Vision Zero. Also suggested was a speaker from the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance.
6. Education Committee – Barbara talked about options to get more awareness of the WBWC "Roadway Safety For All Users" flyer.
7. Government Relations Committee – A discussion was held on City of Ann Arbor crosswalk guidelines, especially in light of proposed non-motorized improvements around Pioneer High School. The thought was the crosswalk guidelines by the City are not being followed correctly and it would be appropriate for the WBWC to restart conversations with the City on this subject. On a local Vision Zero (no pedestrian deaths) campaign, Erica suggested a public outreach program using billboards and flyers, perhaps with City of Ann Arbor financial assistance.
8. Community Events – Events the WBWC will be participating in include the Ann Arbor Green Fair (6/10 – Pete coordinating), Huron River Day (7/10 – Markus Nee coordinating) and Top Of The Park valet bike parking (6/14, 21, 28 – Robert coordinating).
9. Communications Committee – The deadline for the Summer WBWC newsletters is July 1<sup>st</sup> and items can be emailed to Bob at wolverbob@gmail.com. Bob also did an interview with the Detroit Free Press about the Kalamazoo cyclists tragedy and mentioned the WBWC in the story.

10 Treasurers Report – Robert gave the Treasurer’s report, indicating that in the WBWC checking account, as of June 8, 2016, was \$13,266.95. There was also a WBWC Paypal account total as of 6/08/16 of \$542.07. A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Tracy, to accept the Treasurers report, passing unanimously. Robert also informed the Board as of June 10<sup>th</sup> the WBWC is insured with a general liability and directors/officers insurance policy. Also, all federal and state non-profit required filings are up to date.

11. Membership Committee – Erica reminded everyone to contact five individuals asking them to join the WBWC. Erica was also planning a middle of summer membership drive, primarily by mail, as well as a fundraiser.

12. Projects Committee – Larry gave an update on the proposed WBWC-driven effort to route the Border To Border Trail under Fuller Road at the Huron River bridge. Larry, David and Craig will meet in mid-June, to coordinate efforts. Also discussed was contacting the City Council for them to get behind the project.

13. Bicycle Advisory Committee – Erica and Bob gave respective reports of the tours of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in mid-May by a staff member with the League of American Bicyclists on each community’s Bike Friendly Community status improvement.

14. New Business & Future Agenda Items – None.

15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Erica, seconded by David, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm with the next Board meeting being Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Ecology Center.