

WBWC Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2015

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

Board Members Attending: Erica Briggs, Larry Deck, Peter Houk, and Bob Krzewinski.

Board Members Absent: Robert Gordon, Barbara Lucas, and Karen Moorhead.

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm.
2. Adoption of agenda – Added to the agenda were the Ann Arbor Fuller/Maiden roundabout (Projects Committee), By-laws revision (New business), and Bike ride (New business). A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Erica, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
3. Communication From The Chair – Pete reviewed the WBWC mission statement and noted that there would not be an August meeting with the next meeting being the 2nd Thursday of September (9/10/2015).
4. Review of Ann Arbor Pedestrian Task Force Results – A discussion was held on the Task Force report (http://www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/Transportation/Documents/Pedestrian%20Safety%20Task%20Force/TF_CommunityWideMtg_Presentation_7-8-15.pdf) noting that the WBWC should convey its pedestrian priorities to the Ann Arbor City Council, emphasizing any not contained in the report. A motion was made by Pete, seconded by Bob, to form an Ann Arbor Pedestrian Task Force Report Special Committee, with Erica, Pete and Larry serving as members, passing unanimously. WBWC members will be urged to also serve on the Special Committee, with Jonathon Levine (who attended the meeting) willing to serve. Erica will provide information about the Committee to Bob for web page posting.
5. Secretary's Report – With one correction, a motion was made by Larry, seconded by Erica, to approve the June minutes, passing unanimously. On WBWC calendar items, Bob noted that the State of Michigan Non-Profit Corporation renewal is due August 1st and since no renewal form has arrived from the State yet, he will look into doing an online renewal on Thursday.
6. Communications Committee Report – Bob reported the current holdup with the new web page is problems with the info@wbwc.org email address through the Dreamhost web provided (mail is not being forwarded). Bob will contact Dreamhost directly and keep the Board updated. Bob also noted the next WBWC newsletter deadline is October 1st for the fall edition. Bob will also make sure the Google WBWC Board group list is current.
7. Treasurers Report – Robert, by email, presented a written financial summary that reported \$6397.14 in the Bank Of Ann Arbor, a \$190.25 credit from Talmer West and another \$974.49 in PayPal for a total of \$7561.88. On the Square credit card billing system, Erica indicated the system is still needed and will work with Robert on that project. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Larry, to accept the Treasurers report, passing unanimously.
8. Membership Report – A discussion of the WBWC valet bike parking at the Top Of The Park came to the conclusion that the WBWC should ask to participate again in 2016 for "Bike Nights" with the only change being the WBWC should use its own parking system. Erica indicated that she has identified a few general volunteer resources that could be used for WBWC events and she is also looking into a bike share riding class in cooperation with Arbor Bikes. On the WBWC valet parking at Huron River Day it was noted that a pop-up canopy might be a needed acquisition by the WBWC. Bob Krzewinski will coordinate valet parking at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival (WBWC is a co-sponsor of the valet service) and will also order two 4" x 2' "Free Valet Bike Parking" vinyl signs with the WBWC logo before that event. Future social rides, sponsored by the WBWC, for less experienced riders, were also discussed.
9. Projects Committee Report
 - Geddes Road (Ann Arbor) Improvements – Pete gave a report on his testimony at an Ann Arbor City Council meeting on this subject, noting that the Council voted in favor of the project which includes non-motorized improvements (sidewalks, road shoulders and bike lanes).

- Ann Arbor Racquet Club – Pete discussed a draft letter supporting the decision by the Ann Arbor Planning Commission to deny a sidewalk waiver on Geddes Road when construction is done on the Ann Arbor Racquet Club. A motion was made by Erica, seconded by Larry, to send this letter to the City, passing unanimously. Pete will provide a final letter copy to Bob for web page posting.
- Ann Arbor Maiden Lane/Fuller Roundabout – Larry informed the Board that the roundabout was included in the City's 2016 Transportation Improvement Projects list. Related to the roundabout area, noting that the Border To Border Trail relocation in that area could displace a number of homeless, a reach out to homeless advocates should be made with Pete and Larry working on such a project. Also discussed was the inclusion of artwork on the new Trail routing under the Maiden Lane bridge.

10. Government Relations Committee – There was no update on the “ClosUp” report (Michigan local officials’ views on “Complete Streets” policies (<http://closup.umich.edu>)). Also discussed was for the WBWC to keep up to date on City Council agendas for non-motorized issues, with Erica monitoring the City of Ann Arbor and Bob the City of Ypsilanti.

11. Education Committee – Larry and Bob’s appearance on Ann Arbor Community TV has been postponed until September with no new updates on a crosswalk education project. Bob is working with Barbara to lead a short B2B bike tour during the August 29/30 River Hop weekend. Suggestions will also be forwarded to Barbara by Pete on a potential bicycle demo during River Hop.

12. Nominating Committee – Pete had booked, for the annual November WBWC membership meeting, Connor O’Neills in Ann Arbor for 11/5 but with will look into rebooking for 11/12 to help clear up schedule conflicts. For membership meeting speakers, Erica will look into either a speaker from the League of Michigan Bicyclists, Vision 0, or America Walks. Also suggested for a speaker option was someone from the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance. Also discussed was the need to recruit new potential Board members to be elected at the membership meeting.

13. New Business – A motion was made by Larry, seconded by Erica, to change the WBWC by-laws on the scheduling of the annual membership meeting as indicated, with the only revision being the stricken-through words to allow greater flexibility for finding meeting locations...

2.8 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition shall be held ~~on the first Thursday~~ in November. At least 14-60 days advance notice of the time and place shall be given in the Coalition newsletter and/or web page, or by mail, fax, phone, or email. At each annual meeting, the voting members shall elect Board of Directors members and transact such other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Noting that the revised change was posted prior to the meeting on the WBWC web page and Facebook page, the motion passed unanimously. Also briefly discussed was an informal WBWC bicycle ride on Huron River Drive for Saturday, July 25th.

14. Adjournment - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Erica, seconded by Larry, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm with the next WBWC Board meeting taking place on Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 7pm at The Ecology Center.