

WBWC October 2015 Meeting Minutes October 8, 2015

Attendees: *Marcus Nee, Robert Gordon, Linda-Diane Felt, Larry Deck, Barbara Lucas, Erica Briggs, Peter Houk*

1. Communications from the Chair

The board approved the agenda. Unanimous approval.

The 2015 Annual Meeting will occur on Thursday, 11/12 at Conor O'Neills. Linda Diane Feldt will be the primary speaker and discuss the Ped. Task Force Report. The following draft agenda was discussed.

7-7:30: General Socializing

7:30-7:40: Barbara presents on 85th percentile

7:40- 8:10: Linda presents

8:10-8:25: Group input

8:25-8:30- Wrap and move to socializing

Peter and Erica will work out more meeting details in a follow-up meeting.

WBWC is organizing a Bike Coalition Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 18th from 3-5:30 at the Ecology Center.

2. Secretary

The September 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved. Unanimous approval.

3. Communications Committee

The new WBWC website has launched.

Todd has given notice that the October newsletter will be his last. Both Erica and Pete are going to look for potential replacements. The next newsletter dates are October 15th & January 15th. Linda agreed to write a short piece about the Pedestrian Advisory and Safety Task Force Report. Barbara agreed to write a short piece about the 85th Percentile legislation.

4. Treasurer's Report

Robert reported the checking account balance was: 6,712.17 and the Paypal balance was \$1,076.28. Erica asked if there would be any problem if WBWC transferred \$1000 from the Paypal account into checking account. Robert said this wouldn't cause any problems, the board generally supported this move and Robert will take action.

Larry moved to adopt the Treasurer's Report. Barbara seconded. Unanimous board approval.

5. Membership Committee Report

Erica reported that an Ann Arbor City Council member encouraged WBWC to focus on membership growth to enable the organization to speak with a louder voice on advocacy issues. He suggesting increasing membership to 500 and lowering membership fees, if necessary, to achieve this goal.

The board had a general discussion regarding the benefits and disadvantages of reducing membership fees for the general membership, as well as for group members. No consensus was reached. Regarding group membership, the board decided to get input at the bike coalition meeting and use this feedback to make a decision about group members at the December board meeting.

6. Project Committee Report

Larry reported that there was great turn-out at Pittsfield Master Plan update and Parks and Rec Plan. As of today, Mandy Grewal had been asked if she had any recommendations regarding a potential board member for WBWC from Pittsfield Township, as of the board meeting she did not have a recommendation.

Larry presented the letter of support for B2B Trail to City of Ypsilanti. The Board voted to approve. Moved by Robert. Second by Pete. Unanimous board approval.

7. Government Relations Report.

Erica suggested that the board needs to be cautious about future urgent action items to ensure all information is accurate and in-line with our organizational platforms. Urgent items often require quick action and it's easy to act too quickly.

Pete observed that WBWC had been surprised by the 2nd reading of the Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance, since Robert had been traveling and no one had been reviewing the City Council agendas in his absence. Erica said she would be responsible for reviewing agendas in the future if Robert was traveling or otherwise unable to review the agenda in advance.

Robert reported that some City Council members were interested in considering the "Idaho Rules" for Ann Arbor. In this case, cyclists would only be required to yield at stop signs, not come to a complete stop. Traffic signals would still require a complete stop. A lively board discussion ensued about the advantages and disadvantages of the city adopting the change. An initial discussion of the idea did not produce a consensus among board members.

Barbara reported that the Michigan House of Representatives Transportation Subcommittee was considering legislation which would expand the use of the 85th

percentile within urban areas. She referred board members to a website she created on the issue following t

The forum she organized with MML: Michiganspeedlimits.org She had arranged a meeting with Representative Zemke on the issue (10/9 at 4pm) and was working to set-up meetings with Senator Warren and Senator Hopkins. Barbara said that the last time she had met with Senator Warren on this issue, Rebecca Warren had been unaware of the negative implications for cities in the state. The Board decided this issue should be added to the agenda for the Annual Meeting; Barbara will provide a short presentation on the issue.

8. Education Committee Report

Grant application:

- Grant application due October 15th –
 - Snow removal, Erica is working on this
- Future topics: Distracted walker and bikers

UM Orientation Materials

- Barbara has been talking with the New Student Orientation
 - Erica will check with Jenya about when the Safe, Streets and Sidewalks Committee

9. Nominating Committee

- Presenters for annual meeting: Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
- Update on board member candidates (joining, departing)
 - Marcus Nee
 - Larry Deck and Pete Houk
 - Pete will ask Eric Macks
- Budget: The board approved a \$500 budget for the annual meeting, including a \$50 gift certificate for Karen Moorhead. Erica moved, Larry seconded. Unanimous support.
- Erica and Pete will have a follow-up meeting to discuss meeting logistics and planning.

Meeting Adjourned.