



Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2019 7 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Chair Rachel Ellerman, Jennifer Baynes (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Sydney Shimko, Matt Peaslee, Jerry Lynn, and Dzidra Benish

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Police Lieutenant Thomas Liebenthal, Trustee Wesley Warren

Members absent: Diane Jakubowski

2. Consider Approval of December 11, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Shimko moved, seconded by Mr. Lynn to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes. Motion approved by 5-0 vote.

3. Public Comments

Some comments were read online about Police Department vehicles and their driving. Residents are encouraged to contact the Police Department directly about any concerns.

4. Update from Police Lt. Liebenthal on Pedestrian and Bicycle Incidents in 2018

Lt. Liebenthal shared the 2018 4th quarter report for pedestrian and bicycle incidents. There were a higher than normal amount of pedestrian incidents (4) in the 4th quarter. One specific incident involved a pedestrian at Bartlett and Capitol where a bus yielded to a pedestrian but the other motorist in the other lane was not able to see the pedestrian crossing due to the obstructed view caused by the bus. The Committee discussed ways to improve visibility of pedestrians at that location. A suggestion included for the Committee to draft a message to include in the manager's memo and social media. Another idea consisted of a drafting a letter to go to the DPW to see what striping solutions can be done to improve visibility at that location.

5. Staff Updates

Bubl did confirm they have messaging on their bikes encouraging people to walk bicycles on the sidewalk. The Bike Friendly Community Shorewood Short was published today on the Village's social media pages. Mr. Burkart hasn't received any feedback from the schools yet about the October rides. Ms. Baynes asked for the SIS faculty who coordinated the bike rides to come to a future meeting.

6. Discuss 2019 Committee Initiatives

Mr. Burkart introduced the upcoming annual prioritization process. The Committee reviewed the Ped/Bike Master Plan and last year's annual report to generate ideas. The Committee discussed how to collaborate with the Bike Federation and encourage residents to become Bike Federation members.

7. Discuss PeopleforBikes Grant Application

Mr. Burkart introduced the grant opportunity. While the Spring grant cycle is not achievable due to timing, the Fall grant cycle may be possible pending the transportation study results and the funding from other community partners. The Committee discussed the ideas of bike pumps and bike boulevard as potential initiatives. The County would need to be involved if the Committee wants to construct bike pumps in Estabrook Park.

8. Discuss Ped and Bike Safety related questions for upcoming Community Survey

Mr. Burkart asked the Committee if there are any questions to include in the upcoming community survey. The Committee thought it may be helpful to include a question about a bike boulevard. In addition, the Committee suggested a question to ask how much funding the community would support to implement new traffic calming measures around the Village. Mr. Burkart will create a question to identify some of these points.

9. Discuss May Ped/Bike Safety Month

This item will be deferred to February.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Peaslee. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager