



Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Minutes

August 13, 2019 7 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Jennifer Baynes, Dzidra Benish, Rachel Ellerman, Chris Hansen, Jerry Lynn, and Diane Jakubowski (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Others Present: Lt. Liebenthal, Tr. Warren, Katie Rollins

Not Present: Sydney Shimko

2. Consider Approval of July 9, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Lynn moved, seconded by Ms. Benish to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes. Motion approved by 5-0 vote.

3. Police Liaison Update from Lt. Liebenthal

Lt. Liebenthal was in attendance to report on quarter two metrics related to pedestrian and bicycle incidents. There was one pedestrian related crash and one bicycle related crash. There was some general discussion related to how the data is tracked and generated. Lt. Liebenthal mentioned there has been more effort from officers to look for bikes on the sidewalk, especially after Ms. Benish visiting the officers during their briefing. The Committee discussed adding some of the information to their website or social media pages.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Consider Recommendation on Regulations for Electric Dockless Rental Scooters

Tr. Warren provided a general overview on the request from Village Board. Ms. Baynes talked about her experienced with the application and service. Ms. Benish shared some research with some safety concerns related to electric dockless scooters. The research also highlighted some best practices being introduced by other municipalities. The Committee spent time discussing some of the advantages and disadvantages of electric dockless scooters. Some questions related to liability and accessibility. Additional discussion related to a motorist and pedestrian perspective when it comes to electric dockless scooter usage.

The Committee went through some of the proposed recommendation considerations from staff. The Committee have concerns about enforcement and discussed transitions from Milwaukee. Ultimately, the Committee recommended #1A, which is to not restrict operation on roadways with speed limits greater than 25 mph. Currently the Village Code has no reference to electric scooters. The Committee also recommended to restrict the operation of electric scooters on the sidewalk (2B). When it comes to restricting

locations, the Committee mentioned they would like more time to reflect and learn from the pilot program feedback before making a final determination. Lime and other e-scooter vendors may also have other recommendations or feedback. Some items that could be included: must touch curb; must not block sidewalks, driveways, or alleys; must not block crosswalk; and must not block fire exits. The Committee suggests any costs for infrastructure or additional painting or signage to help communicate parking to be included in the final permitting fee. Lastly, the Committee recommends 4C, which permits e-scooter activities through the end of the year and consider full implementation and regulations to be added to the Village Code in 2020. The Committee would also like additional time to evaluate other topics, such as vandalism, use on trails, lifespan of the scooters, and underserved community members.

6. Discuss Presentation at the Farmers Market

The Committee will be at the Farmers Market on September 15. The Committee discussed some ideas, which one topic could be to talk about e-scooter best practices. The Committee will discuss more at their September meeting. There was a brief update on the latest TAG meeting, Bike Friendly community survey, and gathering bike data on Oak Leaf Trail.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Jakubowski. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
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