



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Susan Schmidt, Tyler Wildman, Chris
Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope
Location: Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: **Monday, January 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of October 23, 2023 Meeting
4. Discussion and Possible Action: River Edge Trail extensions updates:
 - Funding
 - RR crossing
 - Timeline
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter of Support for ARPA funding of River Edge Trail extension
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Events in 2024
 - Mayor's Ride
 - 50-year Anniversary of the River Edge Commission
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Look ahead at 2024
8. Next Meeting Date: February 26
9. Adjourn

It is likely that members of, and a quorum of the Council and/or members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau will be in attendance at the abovementioned meeting to gather information. **No action will be taken by any such groups.**

Questions regarding this agenda may be directed to the City Planning Office @ (715) 261-6760.

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will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

Other Distribution: Media, Alderpersons, Mayor, City Departments

MINUTES

October 23, 2023

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards

Others Present: Brad Lenz, Lance Mueller, Ofc. Jillian Kurtzhals, Fred Heider, Allen Wesolowski

Location: City Hall, Maple Room

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gisselman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approve minutes of July 24, 2023 Meeting

Motion/second by Filtz/Wildman. Passed unanimously.

4. Updates: River Edge Trail, 72nd Ave Trail, Downtown bike racks

Lynch has submitted grant applications to the four major foundations, Community Foundation, Greenheck Foundation, Judd S. Alexander Foundation, and Dwight and Linda Davis Foundation. So far received \$50,000 from the Community Foundation. Lynch and Lenz meet with the benefactor, Ruth Schuette and had a nice discussion. She suggested some screening along the DPW section to block the view of the dirt piles. Expected to hear from other foundations by December at the latest.

Wesolowski announced that the 72nd Ave trail was complete and open. Gisselman suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony be arranged for this year.

Lynch does not have an update on the downtown bike racks, only to say that Fred Heider had provided pictures of damage to one of the decorative racks and the need for more event bike parking.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Safe Routes to School Plan – Fred Heider, NCWRPC

Heider discussed the Safe Routes to School Plan that he has been working on. He is putting together final recommendations for each school and will have recommendations for the school district as a whole. All recommendations will be slotted into a short, medium, or long term category for timing.

Heider is asking the committee specifically about including the idea of Traffic Gardens like what is used in the Netherlands to educate children about rules of the road and safety. A video linked from the packet was shown. The committee was supportive of adding the idea to the plan. There were questions on the size, location, maintenance, and programming. It was acknowledged by the group that these were issues to work out but not insurmountable.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Wausau MPO Regional Bike Map

Mueller showed the committee the BicycleWausau website that will soon be transferred from the Marathon County Health Department to the MPO. The bike map in Google Maps is updated and they have developed QR code stickers that will link to it. The stickers will be placed on the bike route signs and other locations. The physical maps will still be available on the website, will be updated, and users can print them.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: UniverCity Pedestrian Survey

The UniverCity program is working the the City to develop a Pedestrian Survey that will focus on intersections and the feelings and perceptions of safety. The UW student has been working with Lynch to develop the survey and has identified intersections from crash data and previous planning documents. The committee was asked to add additional intersections they felt should be included given their knowledge of the area. Suggestions were: 6th Ave and Bridge St, Scott St bridge westbound, 1st Ave and Bridge, 6th St and Wausau Ave, 1st Ave and Stewart, multiple locations along Grand Ave. Lynch noted the student was currently working on the translated versions and that the committees help will be needed to push out the final survey.

8. Next meeting date

The committee is scheduled to meet next on November 27, 2023

9. Adjourn

Motion/second by Filtz/Wildman to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:20 p.m.

River's Edge Trail – North of Winton St

0.41 miles



RR crossing

City of Wausau – River Edge Parkway Extension



Existing River Edge Trail

On Street Route
To Be Determined

Proposed Paved Trail

River Edge Trail Extensions - Current Funding*

Section A - Thomas St		Section D - Cty Materials	
Construction Estimate	\$ 472,500	Construction	\$ 471,000
Room Tax	\$ (100,000)	Room Tax	\$ (250,000)
Comm Fdn - Schuette	\$ (50,000)	Remainder	\$ 221,000
Comm Fdn - Treu	\$ (1,000)		
Greenheck Fdn	\$ (150,000)		
Remainder	\$ 171,500		

Timeline

Final funding approved	Jan-Feb	Council resolution to petition OCR	
Out for bid	Feb-Mar	Petition OCR/Hearing/Decision	
Bid awarded	Mar-Apr	Final design & bid	
Construction	Summer/Fall	Construction	
Open	Summer/Fall 2024	Open	2025?

*January 2024



January 22, 2024

To: Finance Committee and City Council

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is in support of the use of ARPA funds for the construction of the River Edge Trail extension south of Thomas Street.

This project is an important part of completing the River Edge Trail and was identified in the 2020 Master Plan.

The City Strategic Plan has a goal of completing the West Side River Edge trails within 5 years. This project is an important step towards that goal.

In May of 2023 the committee identified and voted this section as a priority project of the River Edge Trail.

Since then, City staff has raised \$301,000 of the budgeted \$472,500 from local foundations and the Room Tax Commission. This is a great opportunity to capitalize on that support and deliver a project the whole community can enjoy.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to enjoying this trail in 2024 and for years to come.

Signed,

City of Wausau Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Let's
BIKE TO WORK
with the Mayor



TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

7:15 AM: MEET AT MARATHON JUNCTION AT MARATHON PARK

7:30 AM - RIDE BEGINS TO CITY HALL

7:45 AM: SNACKS AND COFFEE @ CITY HALL