



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department
Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal
Corporation, or Sub-unit thereof.

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

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Election of Committee Chair
4. Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2024 Meeting
5. Discussion: Overview of Committee
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Ride and Bike Month activities
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposed naming of the new River Edge Trail section in memory of Pat Peckham.
8. Next Meeting Date: April 22
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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Any person wishing to offer public comment may e-mail **City Clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde** at clerk@ci.wausau.wi.us with "BPAC Public Comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, 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.

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MINUTES

March 25, 2024

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Susan Schmidt, Veronica Hope

Others Present: Jon Smith

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 4:32 p.m.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approve minutes of February 26, 2024 Meeting

Motion/second by Filtz/Gerhards. Passed unanimously.

4. Presentation: Schofield, Wausau, Weston trail and bridge. Mark Thuot, City of Schofield

Mark Thuot was unable to attend. Lynch presented on the topic in his place. The City of Schofield has contracted with MSA to develop a plan for building a bridge and connecting trails across the Eau Claire River between the end of Grossman St and landing on the north side of the river. Trails would connect to Kent St in Wausau and Northwestern Ave in Weston. This would be an extension of other trails currently being built or planned in Schofield. MSA is currently examining two options, a bridge on either the east or west side of the RR bridge. There will be opportunities for public input during the summer and the plan is expected to be complete in the fall. Filtz noted that a bridge on the east side would potentially provide a vantage point for the original Dubay dam which can be seen when the water is low. Lynch said that after an estimated cost is determined there will be a meeting between the three communities to see about funding opportunities. Since this route can be used as an alternative to Grand Ave, it would likely have support from WisDOT.

5. Update: River Edge Trail extensions

The ARPA funding for the remainder of the trail extension was passed at the previous Council meeting on a 9-1 vote. The project will be bid out in late May-June with completion in the construction season.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Ride and Bike Month activities

Smith reported that he created a graphic that could be used as a flyer or for online and a press release. The Ride will be May 14 at 7:30am starting at Marathon Park and going to City Hall. The route could still be considered but he suggested using 10th Ave to Thomas St, 1st Ave and then the east side River Edge trail. Smith would also solicit local businesses for donations of coffee and treats. Filtz noted that Cycling Without Age is planning to join with their vehicles. Gerhards suggested dedicating something during Bike Month to the memory of Pat Peckham. Gisselman suggested making the Mayor Ride dedicated to the Peckham. Schultz suggested inviting Connie Peckham. Smith suggested also dedicating the new segment of the trail to Pat. Lynch noted that there is a process for naming infrastructure that is through the Parks Committee. Gerhards would look at the form and process to start the naming.

7. Next meeting date

The committee is scheduled to meet next on April 22, 2024

8. Adjourn

Motion/second by Filtz/Gerhards to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:14 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

April 2024

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was created to assist and work with the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee as well as other committees of the Common Council as needed to improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the City of Wausau.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been determined to be a "special" committee by Wisconsin Statutes, whose members are appointed by the Mayor without Common Council approval. This committee shall consist of five (5) citizen members appointed by the Mayor to serve a term of two (2) years from the date of their appointments. Alderpersons serving on the committee shall also be appointed by the Mayor and serve their term of office. A member of the Wausau Police Department as approved by the Police Chief and appointed by the Mayor shall serve as a liaison to the committee. The committee is staffed by the City Planning office.

Planning documents:

Wausau MPO Bicycle Master Plan

<https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/3323/638163177306270000>

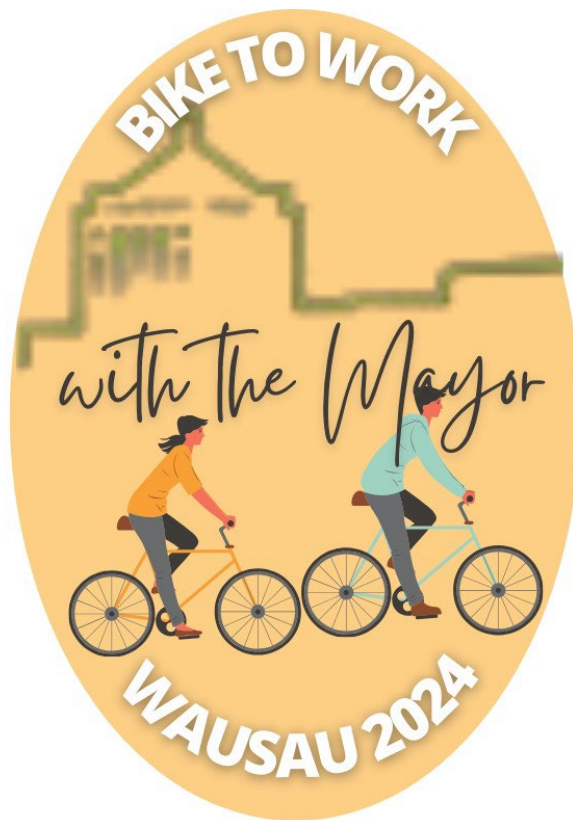
River Edge Parkway Master Plan

<https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/3335/638163177412230000>

Mayor's Ride – May 14th

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: BREAKFAST TREATS AND COFFEE @ CITY HALL



WAUSAU/MARATHON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY NAMING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

1. Purpose:

A. The Purpose of these guidelines and criteria is to develop names for City or County parks, property, facilities, or portions thereof that are:

- **Unique.** Unique names are identifiable to a specific place and do not duplicate or are not confused with existing names in the City of Wausau, Marathon County, or neighboring areas.
- **Meaningful.** Names may reference natural features or landmarks, local historic events, or persons with historic significance, locally or nationally.
- **Inclusive.** Respectful of all people and cultures and reflect positive values acceptable to the community as a whole.

B. These guidelines and criteria applies to the naming of City or County parks, property, facilities, or portions thereof, whether payment has been offered or sought in exchange for the naming privilege through an offer of Sponsorship under the Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (“Department”) Sponsorship Policy or a naming application has been made without an offer of compensation.

C. Offers for Sponsorship that include or concern naming as a Recognition Benefit are subject to the provisions of the Department Sponsorship Policy and may include provisions for ongoing and special maintenance costs or costs of improvements such as the renovation of a facility. Sponsorship Agreements that include or concern naming as a Recognition Benefit will contain specific terms for discontinuation or termination. Offers of Sponsorship for naming rights of any City park, County Park or facility shall be approved by the City Council or County Park Commission. Offers of Sponsorship for naming rights of designated portions of City or County facilities, such as naming rights for a specific athletic field within a park or a shelter within a City or County Park, may be approved by the Department Director pursuant to the requirements and guidelines of the Department Sponsorship Policy.

2. Guidelines:

A. General Name guidelines:

- Should not duplicate or be easily confused with existing local public or private places.
- Should not be cumbersome, corrupted, or modified names, profane, discriminatory, or derogatory names related to age, race, religion, creed, national origin, sex, color, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or other similar categories.
- Should not contain names of companies or organizations whose business is substantially derived from the sale of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, firearms, sexually explicit materials, adult entertainment and/or other practices considered unsuitable or inappropriate for children.
- Should use the fewest words possible.
- Should not be names of appointed or elected local officials currently in office or current City/County employees.
- Former facility names should not be re-used other than for a reconstruction of the same facility in the same location
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B. Names of **historic places, events and cultural ideas** utilized for naming purposes shall be appropriate to the site and proposed use.

C. Names may include names of recognizable areas that aid in locating a facility, park, or open space.

D. Names may include references to site features, wildlife, or other natural ideas when site specific.

E. Guidelines for naming in honor of individuals, groups or organizations are as follows.

1. Individuals honored with a park or facility name (“Honoree”) **must** meet all of the following:

- Have resided or worked in Marathon County or the area which has become Marathon County for a minimum of ten (10) years; and
- If a former city or county employee, have been separated from City/County service for at least one year prior to application; and,
- Be highly esteemed in the community based upon character references and generally understood reputation in the community, and without criminal or legal judgments (including violations of environmental laws) which demonstrate poor character.

2. Honoree(s) **are recommended** to meet at least one of the following conditions:

- At least 10 years of civic service (must have made significant and exceptional meritorious contributions to the local parks or local community as a whole for recreation purposes).
- Contributed to the preservation of the City or County’s history or culture
- Contributed in a significant way to the acquisition, development or conveyance of land, buildings, and other amenities to the City or County.
- A major financial contribution (donation of at least 51% of the value of park land dedication).

If the Honoree is living, the naming is only subject to approval after a study has been completed relative to the individual’s background and qualifications pursuant to the criteria set forth above.

2. Groups or Organizations

- Groups, organizations, associations, companies, or businesses that have been instrumental in enabling the City or County to acquire sites either by donation of land or money or have donated the amount of land or money needed to complete development of a park, park facility or park amenity.
- Have a longstanding affiliation with the City/County of significant community service, involvement, or contributions beyond the ordinary interest level whose efforts have:
 - i. Enhanced the quality of life and well-being of City/County residents
 - ii. Contributed to the preservation of the City/County’s history or culture.
 - iii. Made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the City/County or its residents.

Note: Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee that a name will be approved.