

City of Manitowoc Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan - Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: April 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Harley Engel	Lakeshore Pedalers - President
Jason Freiboth	City of Manitowoc – Deputy Chief of Police Department
Jennifer Wetenkamp	MPSD – P.E. & Health Teacher; C.C. & Track Coach
John Brunner	Friends of the Mariners Trail – President
Paul Braun	City of Manitowoc – City Planner
Dan Koski	City of Manitowoc – Director of Public Infrastructure
Greg Jagemann	Plan Commission (City of Manitowoc) – Member
Scott Retzak	Downtown Entrepreneur
Pete Tarnowski	Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Dept. - Planning & Parks Manager

Members Absent:

Tyler Lachowicz	Cycling Enthusiast
Joyce Morrison	Lakeshore Senior Pedalers
Greg Minikel	City of Manitowoc – Engineering Division Manager
John Jacobs	Kiwanis Club & Friends of the Mariners Trail
Nick Mueller	City of Manitowoc – Associate Planner Business & Housing Develop.
Wade Marks	Northeast WI Mountain Bike Club – President
Chan Barden	Heavy Pedal Velo Club; Manitowoc Cyclists
Tim Ryan	Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Dept. - Director

Facilitators Present:

Marshall Black	City of Manitowoc – Parks Planner
Curt Hall	City of Manitowoc – Parks & Recreation Division Manager

Facilitators Absent: Sydney Swan Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order
Marshall Black, Parks Planner with the City of Manitowoc opened the meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call
M. Black took roll. Individuals present is listed above.

Agenda Item #3: Review Vision Statement & Vote for Vision Statement
Five draft Vision Statements were reviewed, discussed, and voted on by the members present. The overwhelming consensus was in support of Vision Statement # 5, with the decision to strike-through two portions of the statement. This statement was chosen because it encompasses all types of users, demographics, and facilities that will be addressed in the Plan. The modified Vision Statement is as follows:
“Residents, students, commuters, and visitors of all ages and abilities will be connected through an enhanced and expanded network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that are accessible, efficient, and safe for all ages and abilities. On-street bicycle facilities, trails, greenways, and sidewalks will serve transportation and recreational purposes by creating connections to destinations of interest within the City of Manitowoc as well as to other communities adjacent to the City.”

Agenda Item #4: Discuss Draft Chapter 1
Overall the Committee felt the content of the draft language Bay Lake was good and only a few grammatical changes were mentioned. The following comments/recommendations were made:

Benefits: It was recommended to include increased eligibility for grant funding as a benefit of establishing this Plan. Under the “Public Health” section it was mentioned that the sentence with obesity stats should be completed by stating how improved walking and biking opportunities would combat obesity.

Goals & Objectives: Some ideas for additional objectives were mentioned:

- Complete smaller scope projects that address barriers that currently prevent easy travel between destinations. More specifically, implement projects to improve safe routes such as for youth to travel safely to and from school, parks, and other destinations.
- A specific objective that targets improvements for the purpose of providing efficient transportation and commuter routes between schools, places of work, and essential destinations, rather than recreational facilities.
- A specific objective that targets nature-based, site-specific facilities that are not as much about accessibility but offer a level of challenge in a more natural setting, such as mountain biking and hiking.
- An objective that addresses educating the public and enforcement.
- An objective to create a working interactive inventory of bike/ped networks, such as an Arc GIS StoryMap. (This could be for a phase 2 of this Plan).

Agenda Item #5: Review/Discuss Results From the Online Survey and Interactive Map Thus Far
Committee reviewed and discussed the Public Outreach Results Summary put together by Bay Lake. Those committee members/plan facilitators that attended the Public Workshop Meeting summarized the experience and some of the recurring comments from the public. The prevalence of 8th and 10th street being identified as a least favorite street to bike or walk is further evidence to embrace and plan for 9th street being the preferred bike route in downtown, which was suggested in the recent Downtown Master Plan. Establishing 9th street as the main downtown bike route could be a plan objective.

Committee also reviewed the results from the Online Survey & Interactive Map. There were 129 survey participants and 151 interactive map responses. Top routes that people would like to walk/bike were Waldo Blvd., N. 18th, and Menasha Ave. Top barriers to walking/biking were identified as Downtown area, Rapids & Waldo intersection, Calumet Ave, and N. 18th.

Agenda Item #6: Discuss Pop-up Meetings For This Summer

M. Black explained that due to cancellation of events over the summer, it may be difficult to hold pop-up meetings. The committee was asked if they were aware of any events that were still planned that would be a good fit to hold a pop-up meeting. The following events were identified:

- Bike Auction - was scheduled in June but is postponed (date TBD)
- Maritime Bay Classic Bike Race (Aug. 3rd)
- Farmers Market
- Youth baseball league nights
- Crime Prevention Month in October
- Any event to reach High School and Middle School students

Agenda Item #7: Discuss Next Meeting & Meeting Date

M. Black mentioned to the group that the content of the next meeting is interactive and would be difficult to do virtually, so hopefully by that time we can meet in person. The committee established the next meeting date to be June 23, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Manitowoc Senior Center.

Agenda Item #8: Adjournment

M. Black thanked the group for their participation and closed the meeting.

Minutes Prepared By: Marshall Black