

MENOMONIE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

April 28, 2025

The Menomonie Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers (800 Wilson Ave). Committee members in attendance included: Mark Mastalir, Logan Mather, Dave Williams (by Zoom), Kate Kramschuster (by Zoom), Kate Hearth (by Zoom), and Mark Deyo-Svendsen. Also in attendance: David Schofield, Zaria Whitacre (by Zoom), Megen Hines and Burton Barnard.

The Committee reviewed the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes. **MOTION** by Deyo-Svendsen, seconded by Williams, to approve meeting minutes from the October 28, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee provided comments regarding the following items (no action taken on any item):

- Mather voiced concern regarding the lack of lighting on the Junction Trail from the library heading north.
- Barnard stated that Eric Paulson, who teaches bike safety and maintenance at a school in Minnesota, would be willing to Zoom in to a future Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting to discuss his curriculum.
- Williams inquired about the status of the Loggers Loop sign project. Schofield stated that he has obtained permission from the towns and Dunn County to hang new signs along their roads. The next step is to obtain quotes for the signs and get them installed.
- Mastalir brought up possibility of meeting more frequently to get more points for the Bicycle Friendly City designation. Hearth agreed that she would like to meet more frequently.

Schofield reported on recent research on crosswalk markings. He found that uncontrolled intersections should be high visibility crosswalks while controlled intersections can be the two transverse lines. Much discussion. **MOTION** by Deyo-Svendsen, seconded by Mather to recommend marking crosswalks with transverse lines at crosswalks on stop or signal controlled approaches and marking all other crosswalks with high visibility crosswalk markings. Motion carried.

Schofield informed the Committee that Alderperson Luther has received several complaints of motorized bikes on City trails, particularly the trail along Cedar Falls Road. Schofield has researched types of motorized bikes and shared his findings. Several members were concerned about individuals with limited mobility who would not be able to enjoy the City trails if Class 2 electric bicycles were banned. The Committee discussed the possibility of adding speed limit signs to trails. The Committee would like to add the discussion of speed limits on City trails to a future meeting. **MOTION** by Williams, seconded by Deyo-Svendsen to recommend banning the use of Class 3 Electric Bikes on City trails. Motion carried.

Hearth discussed results of her research into electric bike rentals in the area. She reached out to Rice Lake and River Falls and neither of those communities have bike rentals. Schofield mentioned a possible bike rental business in Durand. He believed it was called E-Bikes Plus or something along that line. Hearth agreed to contact the business to learn more about how it operates.

Williams updated the group on the Ride Across Wisconsin event on July 12, 2025. The Menomonie Optimist Club is hosting a rest stop near Elk Mound and the Red Cedar State Trail is hosting another. Williams states that he has volunteers covered for this event.

Discussion on upcoming events that the Committee could possibly participate in. Schofield stated the Get it Dunn Run is not being held this year. Mastalir wanted to add the Menominee Meander and Sadistic Century Ride on August 9, 2025. Barnard discussed the possibility of having a booth at the Dunn County Fair.

Whitacre discussed social media posts for Bicycle Safety Month that she created using content that Mastalir provided. One post per week will be shared on the City of Menomonie Facebook and Instagram accounts for the month of May. Hearth suggested to share this content with Menomonie News Net. Whitacre said content could be condensed and added to the BPAC webpage as well.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday July 28, 2025 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

MOTION by Mastalir, seconded by Deyo-Svendsen, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Megen Hines
Recording Secretary