

Meeting Minutes: Bike Ped Committee, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm, La Crescent Library Conference Room

In attendance: Chairman Linda Larson, Donald Smith, Jason Ludwigson, Jim and Carol Gehrig, Joseph and Joan Francois, Mike Cunningham, Cheryl Jostad, Andrew Severn, Kirsten Plummer, Deana Caron. Absent: Mani Edpuganti

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Donald Smith: Brief overview
- III. Approve 3/20/17 Minutes
- IV. Review MSA proposal for Bluffland project
- V. Review Alta proposal to update Bike/Ped plan
- VI. Other items
- VII. Adjourn

Minutes:

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.
 - a. Introductions were made and new community members welcomed to the committee
 - b. Linda clarified committee requirements per bylaws:
 - i. 2 members of planning commission; 5 community members
 1. Planning Commission – Linda Larson, Mani Edpuganti
 2. Community Members – Jason Ludwigson, Jim & Carol Gehrig, Joseph & Joan Francois, Mike Cunningham, Cheryl Jostad
 - ii. ALL interested community members are welcome!
- II. Donald shared the background of work done with the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC). The LAPC is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and has transportation planning authority for the area which includes La Crescent. The LAPC is represented by mayors of several towns and cities in the area, of which La Crescent is one. Funding was granted by the LAPC to bring together ‘The Blufflands’ plan into the La Crescent’s Bike Ped plan
- III. Minutes of the 3/20/17 were approved with the following additions/corrections:
 - a. Andrew Severn was in attendance
 - b. Each proposal outline amended to include a statement: ‘The cost for the proposal is based on specific discussions with consultants, and *includes a 20% match from the City of La Crescent.*’
- III. MSA Bluffland Work Proposal
 - a. Per the work proposal MSA will help align La Crescent with ‘The Blufflands’ plan, a regional plan for conservation and recreation in our area blufflands. MSA was the consultant for ‘The Blufflands’ Plan. MSA also worked with La Crescent to develop its Comprehensive Plan. MSA provides a strong knowledge base to leverage these opportunities:
 - i. The plan will propose actual trail routes
 - ii. The plan will prioritize properties that will facilitate completion of trails – whether via land acquisition, land trust, easements, etc.
 - iii. It was stated that ‘The Blufflands’ plan concentrates on ‘silent human-powered sports’, such as hiking, biking, XC skiing, snowshoeing, etc.
 - iv. La Crescent’s plan will outline uses and areas of compatibility and conflict.
 - b. Winona County and Houston County have been invited to be part of the process
 - c. It was recommended that a township resident be added to the Bike Ped committee, especially as pertains to development of La Crescent’s Bluffland plan. Jason L. will ask Becky Haack if she would like to join.
 - d. It was also suggested that the Park and Recreation committee be invited to participate in meetings.

- e. **Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept MSA’s Bluffland Trail Planning Proposal dated March 28, 2017 - \$13,000 which includes a 20% match from the City of La Crescent.**
 - f. Linda will talk with Jason Valerius of MSA regarding La Crescent’s expectations and timeline related to completion of the plan.
- IV. Alta Bike Ped Work Proposal
- a. Per the work proposal, Alta will work with the City and Bike Ped committee to update portions of La Crescent’s 2013 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, concentrating on:
 - i. Hwy 6, Hwy 25, 7th Street, and 3rd Street
 - ii. La Crescent/La Crosse connections
 - iii. Central city connections
 - iv. Updating maps
 - v. Developing recommendations regarding bicycle infrastructure and facilities
 - vi. Meeting with MnDOT and Houston County to discuss methods of accommodating bicycle infrastructure
 - vii. Suggested initial meeting – May 18, to leverage expertise of Tim Gustafson of Alta
 - b. **Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept Alta’s Bike Ped proposal dated March 27, 2017 - \$13,500 which includes a 20% match from the City of La Crescent. The following additions were made:**
 - i. **Add Winona County and La Crescent Township**
 - ii. **Consider Apple Blossom Drive as a key area on plan**
- V. Other Items
- a. Library conference room may be booked through the library
 - b. April 18 – Planning Commission meeting at Community Building – will include information on Shoreland and Flood Plain Ordinances and Phase Two of the Wagon Wheel Trail
 - c. May 17 – Dedication of I-90 portion of the Mississippi River Trail (MRT)
 - d. May 18 – potential meeting with Alta
 - e. Next Bike/Ped Committee Meeting - TBD
- VI. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cherryl Jostad, Bike Ped Committee Member & Linda Larson, Chair, Bike Ped Committee

