

**RIB MOUNTAIN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**August 18, 2016**

Attendees: Chairman Andrea Larson, John Beatty, Curt Deininger and Mark Clark. Dale Wisnewski, Brad Conklin and John Brauer were excused. Street/Park Superintendent Scott Turner and Administrator Gaylene Rhoden were in attendance.

*\* Due to lack of quorum, the meeting was not called to order until the arrival of Curt Deininger at 8:05 am. The committee members were able to discuss items, but unable to take action. Also note, Scott Turner left the meeting by 8:00 am.*

**Reports:**

Park Commission – No updates.

Metro – John Beatty briefed the group on Stephen Clark's visit of the Wausau area from the League of American Bicyclists. He noted that Minneapolis/St. Paul area uses green paint on the roads to identify bicycle lanes/routes. They also use pavement markings in residential areas. Some communities build/plan the roads for bicycles first, then vehicular traffic. Mr. Beatty was impressed with one California community that had a school parking lot that was filled with bicyclists. Committee members agreed these ideas may or may not work for our area. It often takes time for these ideas to be accepted and implemented.

Rib Mountain Drive Phase 2 – Scott Turner informed the group that things will be picking up with the project soon.

Granite Peak – Administrator Rhoden gave a briefing on the neighborhood meeting held the night prior. Granite Peak representatives discussed the revisions to the plan that would have less impact on nature trails. It was mentioned that downhill mountain biking was not going to be allowed by Granite Peak and the Department of Natural Resources. Gaylene will continue to work on the trail connection between Robin Lane and Mountain Lane.

**Old Business –**

Bike Route Signs – Scott Turner reported the signs will be installed in the fall.

Kocourek Shelter – An email was sent to Kocourek and they responded that they still plan on doing the project this year.

**New Business –** *\* This item was moved up due to Scott Turner's early departure.*

N/R Crossing – Scott Turner shared with the group his close call experience on the CTH R trail near the Bone and Joint Clinic entrance. A driver failed to look right and turned into Scott's path causing him to slam on his bicycle brakes. Scott asked if the committee if they had any suggestions on what we can do to avoid these risky entrances. Painting crosswalks and signage was discussed. Scott will continue to look into this issue. *\*Scott Turner left meeting.*

**Old Business Continued –**

Bike Rack letter – Gaylene Rhoden shared with the group her conversation with US Bank. The bank manager was asking for support for the project because he would need to run it through bank corporate management. John Beatty would work on hand delivering the letters.

*\* Committee member Curt Deininger arrived.*

Andrea Larson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Mark Clark requested the minutes be revised to include recognition of Emily Ulig from Aspirus Safe Kids program and Randy Lackman for their participation in the bike rodeo event. Also the minutes state that we appreciate their efforts. **Motion by Clark/Deininger to approve the revised July 21, 2016 the Bike/Pedestrian minutes to include the recognition of Emily Ulig and Randy Lackman for their participation in the bike rodeo event and also acknowledging appreciation for their efforts. Questioned and carried.**

State Park access – Andrea Larson shared pictures of entrance to the State Park. The Committee would make contact with the Friends of Rib Mountain to see if they could assist.

**Adjourn: Motion by Clark/Beatty to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Questioned and carried.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date is September 15, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Submitted by  
Gaylene Rhoden, Administrator