MARATHON COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee
Minutes – June 28, 2012

Members: Phil Valitchka, Amanda Ostrowski, Dave Meurett, Gerry Klein, Helen Pagenkopf, Andrew Plath, Judy Burrows, Jolie Wood, Hooshang Zeyghami, Aaron Ruff, Greg Falk, Gaylene Rhoden
Staff: Dave Mack
Others: Jeffery Martin, Fred Heider

I. Call to Order.
The agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Valitchka at 6:38 pm. The meeting was held at 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

II. Welcome and Introductions.
Valitchka welcomed those present and introductions were made.

III. Approve the Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Meeting.
Motion and second by Rhoden/Falk to approve the May 3, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, no dissent.

IV. Arterial Routes Public Meeting Results
Valitchka explained why the public meeting was held and that only 10 people attended the meeting to hear about the system. Mack explained the overall concept of the arterial bike route system. Burrows explained the concept and requirements of the sign grant. Members discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between Marathon County and each community.

V. Bike Accommodations on WisDOT’s Area Projects.
Meurett handed out maps and outlines of State projects in the area. Discussion about each project took place most specifically the Grand Ave. resurfacing project.

VI. Response to Recent Bicycle Crashes.
Meurett explained that WisDOT is looking for ways to get to people thru more awareness programs like the driver’s license process, more enforcement actions and the court system, and bike rodeos for both adults and kids. Martin addressed the safety issues on CTH KK and the crash of his good friend Tammy Gass and asked the group to take three ideas to the MPO for their consideration regarding safety on the roadway: Permanent share the road signs, wider shoulders south of Burma Road, and the “3 Feet, It’s the Law” signs.

VII. Community Updates.
Burrows applied for a grant to conduct an active transportation self-assessment. Rhoden said that the Hwy 51/29 bike path in Rib Mountain is still being planned for construction in the fall of 2012. Wausau is working on providing bike rakes in the downtown area. Wausau schools are working to get safe routes to schools grants for 5 schools.

VIII. Next Meeting Dates - Thursday, August 30, 2012.

IX. Adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:
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