



Our intention is to have in-person meetings going forward. For the time being, we will hold the City Committee Meetings, Plan Commission, Council and most others at the Community Room at 933 Michigan Avenue. This in-person location will meet the legal requirement for our open meetings.

We will have a virtual option available, but the technology for the hybrid style meeting may not be reliable all of the time.

## AGENDA

### BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION (BPSSC)

#### Members

- Chair Michael O'Meara
- Vice Chair Larry Frostman
- Ald. Ron Carlson
- Scott Cole
- Janet Jurgella Finn

<b>Date and Time:</b>	October 3, 2022 2:00 PM	<b>Location:</b>	Community Room 933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI
			<u>OR</u>
			<u>Zoom Teleconferencing</u>
			Meeting ID: 827 3608 7073   Passcode: 663012
			<u>By</u>
			<u>Computer:</u> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82736087073?pwd=WXIMb1VSRnpgK1NvaXlNRWJnM2EvZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82736087073?pwd=WXIMb1VSRnpgK1NvaXlNRWJnM2EvZz09</a>
			<u>By Phone:</u> +1-312-626-6799 (US Chicago)

Opening Section:

1. Roll Call

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

2. Report of the July 28, 2022 meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.
3. Presentation by Tori Jennings, representing Cycling Without Age.
4. Presentation by Cindy Piotrowski, representing the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Portage County.

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5. Discussion on the 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Count.

Closing Section:

6. Adjourn

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REPORT OF THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN STREET SAFETY COMMISSION

July 28, 2022 – 2:00 PM  
933 Michigan Avenue – Room 122, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
& Zoom Conference Call Meeting

PRESENT: Chairperson O’Meara, Vice Chairperson Frostman, Alderperson Carlson, Commissioner Cole, Commissioner Finn.

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn, Technician Mohr, Lt. Ben Uitenbroek, and unidentified audience members via Virtual Zoom Meeting.

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4. Discussion on Walk Friendly Community application results.

Closing Section:

5. Adjourn
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Opening Section:

1. Roll call

**Present: O’Meara, Frostman, Carlson, Cole, Finn**

Discussion and possible action on the following:

2. Report of the June 16, 2022 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission.  
**Motion by Alderperson Carlson to approve the report of the June 16, 2022 meeting of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Street Safety Commission; seconded by Vice Chairperson Frostman**

**Motion carried 5-0.**

3. Presentation by Lt. Ben Uitenbroek on the Police Department's role in promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Lt. Ben Uitenbroek, representative with the Police Department, provided a presentation on the department’s role in promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety, touching base on the following:

- Patrol Deployment
  - Available equipment, how officer’s get to deployment areas, and which areas or events are patrolled.
- Fleet
  - (4) Trek Pedal Mountain Bikes
  - (1) E Bike, donated by Trek in 2018
- Education

- Education days and events & partnerships with local organizations
- Bicycle Crash statistics in Portage County & Comparable City/Town Statistics
- Enforcement Data & Issued Traffic Citations

Commissioners made the following comments:

1. Inquiry as to whether COVID affected crash statistics, to which Lt. Uitenbroek noted that while they couldn't attribute the increase to the pandemic specifically, they noted that there had been an uptick in bicycle sales as people turned to outdoor activities.
2. Requested clarification on the crash report criteria, to which Lt. Uitenbroek noted that they were for bicycle and car accidents only.
3. There was a back-and-forth discussion on expanding the collection of crash statistics to include more information and not just what was statutory required by the state, noting the importance of being able to reference that data to better pinpoint trouble areas in the City.
4. There was a back-and-forth discussion on the enforcement of bicycles adhering to traffic laws.
5. Several comments were made on the need to further provide education on bicycle safety, sidewalk use, and the importance of clearing sidewalks.

No action was taken.

4. Discussion on Walk Friendly Community application results.

Associate Planner/Zoning Administrator Kuhn summarized that the City had been awarded a bronze level designation as a Walk Friendly Community. He further expanded on the areas that the City's standing had been based upon and noted that the report card had been included within the agenda packet. That report card had included comments on potential opportunities or areas of improvement that could be worked on. Those areas included:

1. Status of Walking
2. Planning
3. Education and Encouragement
4. Engineering
5. Enforcement
6. Evaluation

Commissioners made the following comments:

- Commended staff for their efforts in submitting the application.
- Back-and-forth discussion on the importance of formalizing a sidewalk continuation plan that would assist in establishing priorities for potential improvements.
- Back-and-forth discussion on the potential of revisiting the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

No action was taken.

Closing Section:

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.

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