

**MINUTES  
KENOSHA COUNTY  
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Kenosha County Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee and Public Works/Facilities Committee held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kenosha County Administration Building, 1010 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Conference Room.

PDEEC Members Present: Supervisors Kimberly Breunig, Erin Decker, Rick K. Dodge, and Michael J. Skalitzky

PDEEC Members Excused: Supervisor Michael Underhill

PWFC Members Present: Supervisors Dennis Elverman, and Gabe Nudo (Dodge and Skalitzky serve on both committees)

PWFC Members Excused: Supervisor Doug Noble

Youth In Governance Representatives Present: Emily Gerstein, Ashley Kenney, and John Setter, Jr.

Youth In Governance Representatives Excused: Peter Wierzba

Also Present: Andy M. Buehler, Director, Division of Planning Operations  
Gary Sipsma, Director, Division of Highways

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Breunig.

**1. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – APPROVED**

Resolution Recommending Adoption of a Comprehensive Bike Plan for Kenosha County 2025

- Supervisor Decker made a motion to **remove from the table** the Resolution Recommending Adoption of a Comprehensive Bike Plan for Kenosha County 2025. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Dodge and passed unanimously by those PDEEC and PWFC members present. Youth In Governance: Gerstein – aye; Keeney – aye; Setter – aye. (Begin #0:04 - Motion #2:21 / Digital)

Ann Friewald, Alta Planning and Design, was in attendance to respond to inquiries regarding the Bike Plan. She noted that the plan was compiled with 80/20 grant funding.

Supervisor Skalitzky began discussion with questions regarding attendance for the public meetings, way finding tools in light of GPS and maps, constraints at crossings such as major traffic areas like Hwy 50, and the intent/importance of the 2025 date on the plan. He noted the plan was a goal to make bicycling a safe activity and asked about accident statistics.

Ms. Friewald responded that the public meetings held regarding the preparation of the plan were well attended. She explained way finding tools to be route signage to aid bicyclists with destinations and timing to help them better understand where they are and where their destination is. She noted that at major intersections where a county highway ends and reconnects again would benefit with bicycle friendly signage and paved shoulders to get bicyclists along the busy highway to the next link to the county highway again. As to the 2025 date of the plan, she noted that was from an earlier planning process and that it certainly could take longer to implement plan projects.

Supervisor Elverman noted that this is just a comprehensive plan and that any projects would need to be reviewed by the appropriate County Board committees, so revisions to projects could be made as needed.

Supervisor Dodge stated that he was an avid bicyclist and urged that the plan should be moved forward.

Supervisors Nudo and Decker noted concern regarding funding for proposed bike plan projects.

Gary Sipsma, Director, Division of Highways, noted that an adopted comprehensive bike plan on file could qualify the County to apply for grant funding which could be used to implement plan projects. He also noted that it would be a helpful guide for all of the municipalities in Kenosha County.

- Supervisor Dodge made a motion to **approve** and recommend to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the Resolution Recommending Adoption of a Comprehensive Bike Plan for Kenosha County 2025. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Decker. (Due to technical difficulties there are no digital references available from this point forward for this meeting)
- Mr. Buehler noted that the motion should include “subject to technical corrections”; Supervisors Decker and Dodge accepted the amendment to the motion
- Supervisor Elverman noted the motion should include the Public Works Facilities Committee as well; Supervisors Decker and Dodge accepted the amendment to the motion
- Chairwoman Breunig called for a roll call vote from the PDEEC – Skalitzky – no; Decker – no; Dodge – aye; Breunig – aye.
- Chairman Elverman called for a roll call vote from the PWFC – Skalitzky – no; Nudo – no; Dodge – aye; Elverman – aye
- Youth In Governance: Gerstein – aye; Keeney – aye; Setter – aye. (no digital reference available)

2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mike Spence, Pleasant Prairie, expressed his disappointment that the plan was not approved to move forward. He noted that Pleasant Prairie has worked hand in hand with the County on this plan even though they have a plan already on file. He noted that he had just talked to Gary Sipsma today about working together coordinating on existing bike paths.

Ralph Ruffolo, Southport Rigging, noted that he worked on the plan for over a year with a number of the county municipalities and many people from the bike world and encouraged the committees to move the plan forward.

3. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW - NONE**

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Supervisor Dodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Decker and passed unanimously by those PDEEC members present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.