

**Town of Baileys Harbor Bicycle Plan
Bike Plan Steering Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
Baileys Harbor Town Hall
2392 County Road F, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202**

Notes:

- Present: Bryan Nelson, Carol Schmidt, David Hansell, Doug Smith (Town), Kevin Luecke (Bike Fed)

- It was agreed that BN would serve as the chair of the committee
- BN called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the agenda; DH so moved; CS seconded; motion carried
- KL gave a brief presentation on the importance of a comprehensive bicycle plan: it sets long term goals for the Town; it sets measurable goals; it can assist in receiving grant money; it can aid coordination with neighboring municipalities
- KL described the role of the steering committee in the plan development process: the committee will offer local feedback on the plan as Kevin develops it; offer suggestions based on local knowledge on what is good in the plan, what may be bad, and what is missing
- KL described a rough timeline for committee meeting and the plan; the committee then set dates for three meetings:
 - Tuesday, August 24 @ 5:30pm: Committee will review maps & other materials from KL
 - Tuesday, September 21 @ 5:30pm: Committee will review draft plan
 - Tuesday, October 19 @ 5:30pm: Committee will review final plan
- Discussion ensued about what can be achieved with the plan:
 - CS: Should highlight that cyclists can stay off 57 in downtown BH by using Ward and Guy; need to make this clear to people, especially visitors
 - CS asked about the possibility of producing a map; KL said that this would likely be one of the recommendations, and that it would best be carried out on a county-wide basis with the Visitors Bureau; CS suggested that it would be good to designate specific roads as good for families or those less confident with their bicycling
 - DH noted his surprise at some of the roads designated by nearby municipalities as bike routes; KL stated that part of this is to get the County to provide better facilities (wider shoulders) on those roads; BN stated that some of those roads would be acceptable for bicycling if they were a little wider
 - BN noted that connectivity within the Town and to other municipalities is key for the plan and that it should tie in with the Comp Plan

- DH stated that short paths that connect decent facilities and bypass congested/problem areas should be looked at; KL agreed and cited the proposed trail at the end of Bluff Road in Fish Creek that will help people bypass downtown Fish Creek
- BN noted that Q is a great road for riding, but is unsafe due to speeds and blind curves; the road cannot be widened due to endangered species that are present; is it possible to recommend lowering the speed limit? KL said that would be a great recommendation, but is unsure if the County will actually implement it; KL also mentioned lowering speed limit in downtown BH, but committee members mentioned that had been requested repeatedly and DOT refused
- Public comment: Steve Jones from Liberty Grove said that the Town is beginning the bike plan process shortly and they are looking forward to working with BH and other municipalities to make an integrated and well connected network
- BN asked for a motion to adjourn; DH offered such a motion; CS seconded; motion passed

Next meeting:

Tuesday, August 24 @ 5:30pm

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Minutes prepared by Kevin Luecke of the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation