

## Minutes

### Trail Coalition Hwy 64 Corridor Committee

November 7, 2016

City of New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street, New Richmond, WI

Susan Heuser called meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Statement of Public Notice – Agenda was posted at the Somerset Town Hall and on the Trail Coalition’s web page.

#### Roll Call

Members Present: Susan Heuser, Kyle Lindstrom, Jim Remington

Members Absent: Tim Witzmann, Andre Johnson, Jim Peirson, Bob Campbell

Others Present: Ben Heuser, Mark Vanasse, Andrew Lamers, Lee Pederson, William Johnson

A Quorum of four representatives is required to take action. Only three members were present. Susan stated discussion can be held on Agenda items but no action taken.

#### Public Comment

No comments.

#### Update on Hwy 64 Corridor Appointments

Bob Campbell was appointed to the Coalition by Village of Somerset. The City of New Richmond has not made an appointment yet.

#### Safe Routes to School

William Johnson talked about his experience at Frederic School. There was no planning for sidewalks or safe routes. William said he worked with school and staff to develop a plan. Andrew said that in New Richmond they brought together community members, businesses, city staff, and school personnel. William suggested 3 meetings over a 3- to 6-month timeframe, go for entire path, get community involvement, and eliminate as many stops as possible.

#### Updates from each Community

Town of St. Joseph- Kyle: Town updated Bike/Pedestrian Map and matched up with current St. Croix County Bike Plan. Town is working Loop Trail connection to Andersen Scout Camp Road. The plan is to follow Hwy 64 corridor for primary bike route. Andersen Scout Camp Road will be a secondary route.

Jim had traveled Andersen Scout Camp Road that weekend. He inquired at Boy Scout Camp about crossing through the terrain along the river.

Coalition made a connection with Brett Budrow about the St. Croix County Bike Plan. Brett informed the Coalition that the current road lines do not necessarily show what side of the road the bike trail will travel. St. Croix County has directed Toole Design to study 5 priority trails for the St. Croix County Bike Plan. The Loop Trail from St. Joseph to Somerset is on the list. Coalition asked Brett about the changes to current lines on the proposed county map. Would they change? Town of Somerset has a lot of information about right-of-way and easements along Hwy VV into the Village of Somerset and has picked that as the Town's choice into Somerset. Larry Rausch, Town of Somerset, has background on this connection.

Town of Somerset -Tim sent this summary to the coalition:  
*Review of the Draft Priority Corridor 4. Loop Trail to Somerset*

*As we move forward with the recommendations of the Hwy 64 Trail Corridor Committee the connection from the loop trail to Somerset will be a critical connection to begin the Hwy 64 trail to New Richmond. One section of that trail the Landing Hill section from Andersen Scout Camp Road connection to 64 and the VV connection to 64 will be a critical juncture. Site visits to this segment by members of the coalition and committee indicates that the suggested route on the NW side of 64 Landing Hill portion as recommended in the draft of Priority Corridors may not be as feasible as the SE side of 64 Landing Hill portion. Since there seem to be some difference in the opinions I am recommending the following.*

- *Discuss in more detail with the County and Toole Design the concerns of the committee and understand the selection of the recommending a trail on the NW side of 64 Landing Hill portion for the Priority Corridor 4 . Loop Trail to Somerset. Discuss the next steps to determine the best route.*
- *Meet with the Planning and Parks and Recreation Committee of the Town of Somerset at their next meeting (not planned until December or later) to discuss the importance of the Landing Hill portion for the Priority Corridor 4 . Loop Trail to Somerset and recommend that an engineering study be done to determine the most efficient and least costly route to be included in the final Saint Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.*
- *If an engineering study is needed to recommend the route who would be responsible for the cost as it is located in Somerset Township but the route would most likely be a part of Wisconsin DOT right of way and along State Hwy 64*

Village of Somerset – No report.  
Town of Star Prairie – No report.  
Town of Richmond – No report.

City of New Richmond Jim and Andrew

City and Pathways have worked on trails together in the city. 140<sup>th</sup> St. going north and south. 140<sup>th</sup> Ave going east and west. Discussion on Doar Path to Hatfield Park, Doughboy Trail to north business district, Doar Trail to Nature Center Trail, etc. Jim and Andrew will put together a list of projects they are working on in and around the City of New Richmond. A lot of effort and results.

Discussion on the Jug Handle, upgrade of Hwy 64 between Somerset and New Richmond. 100<sup>th</sup> Street is in Star Prairie on the north and 95<sup>th</sup> Street is in Town of Richmond on the south. Frontage roads will be on both sides of the Hwy 64 corridor and trail possibilities on both sides. The next bridge crossing will be at Hwy CC (Wall Street) on the north side in City of Richmond.

Goals for Nest Meeting

- Identify trails between municipalities

- Make connections

- Portion of Hwy 64 road turnover to St. Joseph Township

- Map for Hwy 64 Corridor

Next meeting set for December 5, 2016

Adjourn at ~ 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Mark Vanasse