

15 April 2015

Village Board
Village of Allouez
1900 Libal Street
Allouez, Wisconsin 54301

Re: Status of a bicycle pedestrian committee

Residents of the village meeting as members of the Allouez Walks and Bikes! on 14 April, discussed whether the group should have some official status in the village. The significance of the group may be found in several programs which have been realized from its efforts:

- With the assistance of a WisDOT grant, held a Walking Workshop in 2004 which was the kickoff for this group
- Were instrumental in helping the Village move forward with a revision to the ordinance that covers how sidewalk projects are funded
- Helped with the application for a Grant award for a Safe Routes to School plan
- Development and implementation of a Safe Routes to School Plan
- Preparation of a coordinating Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in concert with the Safe Routes to School Plan
- Coordinating with staff of the local elementary schools on walking and bicycling access for the students, have helped to sponsor Walk to School Day in past years
- Providing input for the Dept of Public Works on walking and bicycling concerns in the village
- Providing input to planning the first Safe Routes to School project
- Coordinating with efforts of the Friends of the Fox River Trail and the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway
- Bringing resident support and input to projects that improve the walking and bicycling infrastructure in the community

Currently, this group has no official standing with the Village administration and meets monthly or semi-monthly. There is a large distribution (e-mail notification) list of about 90 recipients. About 10 residents attend meetings regularly. Those at the 14 April meeting, representing a core of concerned residents, concluded a more prominent status in the village would allow the residents to provide the village with proactive concepts to help the village realize its vision as expressed in the comprehensive plan and community visioning.

To that end, the Allouez Walks and Bikes! respectfully asks the Board of Trustees to establish a formal, standing Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee of the village with all rights and responsibilities expected of other committees of the village; that it be attended by one or more village trustees, and it be established through an ordinance of the municipality. It is our belief an Allouez Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee, so formalized, will be able to help the village realize its vision and will contribute to its prosperity, enhancing life here for the citizens of Allouez.

Respectfully submitted,

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