



Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 *In Person
and Virtual

Thursday, June 04, 2026 - 5:30 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any committee member requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

1. Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2026.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

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CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

2. Update and discussion on proposed changes to Ordinance 11.40.

- [3.](#) Discussion on creating an ordered list of streets for adding bike lanes.
- [4.](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Future Structure and Administration of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

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Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission

Item 1.

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Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 4:00 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chairperson Young at 4:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Young, Vice Chair Sahyun

Others Present: City Staff – Kevin Boehm, Dan Meyer

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Motioned to approve by Chair Young, Seconded by Vice Chair Sahyun.

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1. Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2026

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

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None

CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS

2. Discussion with Whitewater Police staff on the enforcement of Ordinance 11.40.070.
Police Chief Meyer gave his perspective on how the Police Department would enforce the ordinance. The best use of city police resources would be spent on education. Meyer invited the Commission members to join the Police Department on May 30th at the High School for a bicycle safety event.
3. Discussion and possible action on changing Ordinance 11.40.070.
Discussion was had on proposed changes to the ordinance as well as needed changes to other areas in the overall 11.40 Ordinance.
4. Update on GIS bike route tab of City property maps.
Boehm gave an update that the GIS bike route tab is available on the new City GIS maps.
5. Discussion and possible action on recommending adding new bike lanes within the City.
Discussion was had on possible bike lane creation throughout the community.
6. Discussion and possible action on future meeting times, dates, and frequencies.
Future meeting dates: June 4 at 4:00pm, July 9 at 4:00pm, Aug 6 at 4:00pm.

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Chapter 11.40 BICYCLES¹

Sections:

11.40.010 Registration required.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle upon any street within the city unless the bicycle has first been properly registered and tagged as hereinafter provided.

(Prior code § 12.18(1)).

11.40.020 Registration—Form.

Every owner or operator of any bicycle within the city shall, within ten days after acquiring same, file with the chief of police, or duly designated officer, a complete description of such bicycle, upon a blank form to be provided for the purpose which such filing of description shall constitute a registration of such bicycle for the purposes of this chapter. Such registration shall be serially numbered and be kept on file by the chief of police in his office as a public record, and show the make, model and serial number of the bicycle, if any.

(Prior code § 12.18(2)).

11.40.030 Identification tag required—Fee.

(a) Immediately upon the registration of a bicycle in his office, the chief of police, or duly designated officer shall assign to such bicycle an identification tag, serially numbered to correspond with the registration of such bicycle. The owner shall be responsible for affixing the tag to such bicycle and for keeping the tag affixed. The fee for the identification tag shall be three dollars.

(b) All tags issued shall be effective for as long as the applicant retains ownership of the bicycle.

(Ord. 1387 § 1, 1997: Ord. 1040 § 1, 1984: Ord. 664 § 1, 1970: prior code § 12.18(3)).

11.40.040 Inspection.

The chief of police may inspect each bicycle presented to him for registration, and he shall have the authority to register any bicycle found by him to be in unsafe mechanical condition.

(Ord. 846 § 1, 1975: prior code § 12.18(4)).

11.40.050 Registration—Revocation.

The chief of police shall have the right to cancel the registration of and remove the identification tag from any bicycle being operated upon any street in the city in an unsafe manner, or in violation of any state law or in

¹ For the statutory provisions regulating bicycles and play vehicles, see WSA §§ 346.77 to 346.82.

violation of any provisions hereof, or of other local ordinance and such cancellation or registration and removal of tag shall be in addition to other penalties provided hereunder.

(Prior code § 12.18(5)).

11.40.060 Sale or dismantling—Report required.

Within ten days after any bicycle registered hereunder has changed ownership, or been dismantled and taken out of operation, such information shall be reported to the chief of police by the person in whose name the bicycle has been registered. When ownership of any bicycle is changed, the identification tag shall be surrendered to the chief of police and a new identification tag shall be issued as provided in Section 11.40.030.

(Prior code § 12.18(6)).

11.40.070 Obedience to vehicle or traffic regulations and riding regulations.

For the purpose of this chapter bicycles shall be classified as vehicles and are therefore required to obey all rules dealing with vehicular traffic.

In addition to owners or operators obeying all vehicular traffic regulations they shall obey the following:

- (a) No person shall operate at any time a bicycle while under the influence of an intoxicant or controlled substance.
- (c) No person riding upon a bicycle, coaster, wagon, roller skates, sled, toboggan, or any toy vehicle shall attach the same or himself to any other motor vehicle on a city street.
- (d) Any person operating a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto and no bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped with proper seats.
- (e) No person operating a bicycle shall carry any packages, bundle, or article which prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars at all times.
- (f) Except when preparing to make a left-hand turn with the proper hand signal, every person operating a bicycle upon a road or street shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (g) Persons riding bicycles upon a street or roadway shall ride single file at all times.
- (h) No person may operate a bicycle during the hours of darkness unless such bicycle is equipped with or the operator is wearing a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front of such bicycle. Such bicycle shall also be equipped with a red reflector that has a diameter of at least two inches of surface area on the rear so mounted and maintained as to be visible from all distances from fifty to five hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition but not in lieu of the red reflector.
- (i) Racing on any street is prohibited.
- (j) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement and with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, but a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- (k) Riding bicycles on sidewalks is prohibited in the central business district.

(Ord. 846 § 2, 1975: prior code § 12.18(7) and (8)).

11.40.090 Operation without registration or in reckless manner prohibited.

Any person who operates any bicycle not properly registered or carrying a proper identification tag is required herein, upon any street in the city, or who operates such bicycle in an unsafe manner, or in violation of any state law or in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or other local ordinances shall upon conviction thereof be subject to the penalty provided in Section 11.40.100.

(Prior code § 12.18(9)).

11.40.100 Penalty for violations.

Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, together with the costs of the action and in default of the payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the county jail of the proper county until such forfeiture and costs are paid or for a term not to exceed five days.

(Ord. 983 § 42(part), 1982).

11.40.110 Parent or guardian responsibility.

- (a) No parent or guardian of any child under the age of eighteen years shall authorize or knowingly permit such child to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.
- (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall pay a forfeiture of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars and the costs of prosecution or in default in payment thereof be imprisoned in the county jail of the proper county for no more than five days.
- (c) If any child under the age of eighteen years has had his bicycle operating privileges in the city suspended and if such child rides a bicycle registered to him or to his parent or guardian during such period of suspension, the parent or guardian shall be deemed to have violated this section.

(Ord. 983 § 42(part), 1982; Ord. 678 § 2, 1970: prior code § 12.18(11)).



Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Meeting Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	June 4, 2026
Agenda Item:	Discussion on creating an ordered list of streets for adding bike lanes.
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Kevin Boehm, kboehm@whitewater-wi.gov , 262-473-0122

BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Commission member Steven Sahyun has requested discussion regarding the development of an ordered list of streets for potential future bicycle lane implementation based on connectivity, desirability, and the feasibility of accommodating bike lanes where parking restrictions may be required.

Mr. Sahyun proposed the following corridors for consideration:

1. N. Tratt Street from Main Street to Foxglove Road (or Starin Road)
2. Fremont Street from Center Street to Lakefront
3. Elizabeth Street from Main Street (or Highland Street) to Whitewater High School
4. E. Bluff Road from Elkhorn Road to Howard Road
5. E. Main Street from Newcomb Street to Bluff Road
6. Walworth Avenue from Indian Mound Parkway to Janesville Street
7. Indian Mound Parkway from Main Street to Walworth Avenue
8. W. Main Street from Prairie Street to US Highway 12 (or Pearson Lane)

Existing Plan Guidance

The City's adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan already identifies recommended bicycle lane corridors, project prioritization criteria, and implementation procedures for future bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Several corridors identified by Mr. Sahyun are already included within the recommended bicycle network, including E. Bluff Road, E. Main Street, Walworth Avenue, Indian Mound Parkway, portions of N. Tratt Street, Fremont Street, and Elizabeth Street.

While the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan identifies W. Main Street as a recommended bicycle lane corridor between Indian Mound Parkway and S. Franklin Street, the specific segment identified in Item #8, from Prairie Street to US Highway 12 (or Pearson Lane), does not appear to be specifically identified as a recommended bicycle lane project within the adopted plan.

Project Prioritization

Chapter 7 of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (pages 55-60) establishes the City's process for evaluating and prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian projects. The plan recommends considering factors such as:

- System connectivity
- Safety and comfort
- Access to community destinations
- Roadway function
- Funding opportunities

- Community support
- Coordination with roadway projects

The plan further recommends periodically revisiting project priorities as conditions, funding opportunities, and community needs change.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission continue to utilize the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as the guiding document for bicycle facility planning and prioritization within the City of Whitewater. Should the Commission wish to pursue the addition of bicycle lanes beyond those already identified in the adopted plan, staff recommends forwarding those requests to the Public Works Board for consideration as part of future roadway planning, engineering evaluation, and capital improvement discussions.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)



Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Meeting Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	June 4, 2026
Agenda Item:	Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Future Structure and Administration of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission.
Staff Contact (name, email, phone):	Kevin Boehm, kboehm@whitewater-wi.gov , 262-473-0122

BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has experienced limited participation since its formation, with current involvement consisting of one citizen member and one City Council representative. Despite ongoing recruitment efforts, vacancies have remained unfilled due to limited public interest.

Staff is requesting discussion regarding the future structure of bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts within the City and whether those responsibilities would be more effectively administered through the Parks and Recreation Board, with future plan updates and public engagement supported through a consultant-led process.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends dissolving the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and transferring bicycle and pedestrian planning responsibilities to the Parks and Recreation Board. The Parks and Recreation Board shall work with staff to obtain proposals from qualified consultants to update the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including a public engagement process with community input opportunities, and return recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

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