

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 21, 2013		
State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	UN-APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013 COMMUNITY ROOM HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN	2013-13
Item		
#1	Meeting called to order by committee Chair John Meyers at 6:00 PM in the Community room at the Health and Human Services Building.	Call to Order
#2a	Roll Call – Supervisors Benish, Bunker, DeLain, Demby, Meyers, Parman, Peterson and Walmer. Supervisor Bauer was excused. Also present were Highway Commissioner Hardy, Iowa County Corporation Counsel Allen, Iowa County Emergency Management Director Hurlbert, Sergeant Carey, Tom McGraw, Scott Gaffney, Stewart Schilling, Tom Johnson, John Wright and a few members of bicycling events held in Iowa County. Jason Lawinger of the advisory panel was not present.	Roll Call & Also Present
#2b & c	Motion by Parman, 2 nd by Bunker to approve the 11/21/2013 agenda and the minutes of the 11/12/2013 special meeting. Motion carried.	Approval of Agenda and Minutes
#3	Tim Allison from the Town of Ridgeway commented that there has not been a fatality since 2009 and there have been many more motor vehicle accidents and we are not developing an ordinance for cars. He also questioned if farm machinery should be looked at too, because they impede traffic as well. He felt the ordinance is too broad and could include a couple of trucks going to the grain elevator together.	Public Comment
#4	The committee members introduced themselves and what area of the county they represent. The county staff introduced themselves. Then, the advisory panel introduced themselves.	Advisory Panel Member Introductions
#5	Chair Meyers explained the process and how the panel will work with the committee. Public comment is to be limited due to the extra public representation in development through the Advisory Panel members.	Roles and Responsibilities
#6	Commissioner Hardy reviewed the history of the special events in the county as well as some events which led to the ordinance.	History of Special Events
#7	Sergeant Carey reviewed the event which brought him to the Transportation Committee. He commented that some events are spread out over more of the county than others and the more concentrated events cause more problems. Tom McGraw does not agree with bicycling events being compared to farmers and took offense to that. It is recreation versus business. He commented that he would like to see consistent signage on all roads that are used by events. Tom Johnson said that these events bring in money to the county. John Wright doesn't think the big groups come back to spend money outside the events. Scott Gaffney has nothing against bikes, but doesn't like the amount that goes by, he says there are events every Saturday during the summer and some in the spring and fall. He said the participants don't ask to set up water stands on his land and they use his neighbor's yard as a rest stop without asking as well. He would like to see a limit on the amount of events.	Identification of Purpose

	<p>Commissioner Hardy asked what qualifies as an event.</p> <p>Stuart Schilling said bicycling is a part of the culture in Iowa County. He lives with following a manure spreader. In the same way, he feels people should need to live with the bicycles.</p> <p>Supervisor Peterson said that the roads are funded by Federal, State and local taxes and therefore everyone has a right to use the roads. He feels communication should be a main purpose of the ordinance.</p>	
#8	<p>Examples of ordinances from area municipalities were in the packets. Stewart Schilling commented on the length of the ordinances was a good place to start comparing them.</p>	Special Event Ordinance example
#9	<p>The committee and advisory panel began discussing the ordinance line by line but took other issues as they arose or were brought up by someone. Supervisor Benish stated he will be doing what he can to include the three items that Sergeant Carey indicated were important to him. He would like to see event organizers be completely responsible for the participants in the respect that they provide the following: all participants have visible numbers displayed on their backs and those numbers actually belong to the person wearing them, notify law enforcement at least 6 weeks in advance of an event, and provide law enforcement a detailed list of the participants, the addresses and phone numbers of the participants and a command center location with phone number that is manned/answered during the event.</p> <p>The issue of insurance was brought up first and discussed for awhile. The name was not changed. The intent was not changed, but Corporation Counsel Allen said that Wis. Statutes 349.23 (1), (2), and (3) don't apply here, they pertain to bike lanes and bike restrictions on certain roads. Definitions were discussed and race was discussed at length. Corporation Counsel Allen suggested that defining "Special Events" would be a good place to start. Questions about that definition were number of participants, duration of event, entrance fee or not, and does it require county resources. Supervisor DeLain offered a definition and the group will work on a list of exemptions. The number of participants was discussed and if that would trigger a registration requirement or not. The committee then discussed signage. Commissioner Hardy clarified a few things. Townships have the right not to allow markings on the pavement. If markings were included as a part of the ordinance, then those that do not get a permit and mark the roads can be enforced. The issue of putting cones out is their specific purpose, cones were not meant for route markings and the person who puts cones out may assume the liability in the case of an accident. Clear and consistent markings would be a goal. Members can contact Commissioner Hardy with ideas for changes to the ordinance.</p>	Draft Special Events Ordinance
#10 and #11	<p>Motion by Benish, 2nd by Bunker to set the next special meeting at 12/12/2013 at 6:00 PM and adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.</p>	Next meeting and adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary; Ryan Walmer