

Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM by Chair Ted Sunder. Ted and the group welcomed Taylor Sutton as a new Member of the Council. Taylor works for SIU School of Medicine and previously worked for the City of Portland, Oregon in its Safe Routes to School program.

Roll Call. Members Present: Mike Klemens, Tom Clark, Ted Sunder, Cynthia Thomas, Peter Kieffer, Taylor Sutton. Visitors: Steven Simpson-Black, Ben Paoletti.

Public Comment. Steven Simpson-Black of the Friends of Transit spoke positively about the new signed bike routes. Ben Paoletti of Downtown Springfield Inc. advised that DSI would like to partner on a City pop up bike lane where volunteers would paint the street. Tom Clark suggested involving Ben Long, who recommends street level accommodations to the City. Taylor Sutton offered to provide bike counts and share pop-up models.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The October minutes were approved.

Bike Park. Loren Easter reported work by Central Illinois Trails Association with CWLP on rehabbing a segment of the Lake Trails and with Boy Scout Troop 97 on a new trail bridge built as a youth service project. He is checking on possible additional Lake Trails projects with the Eagle Scouts.

Bike Facility Enhancements. City Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides reported on the recent completion of several projects with bike-ped accommodations. Loren asked about adding on-road accommodations where the new bike path along Bunker Hill Road ends near Wabash Avenue. TJ said he would check on options for doing so.

Bike Tourism. Tom Clark reported that the new City bike map would be online soon, and that copies are available via Visit Springfield, area bike shops. Springfield Bicycle Club and Public Works. Loren Easter noted that the proposed developer for a Legacy Point Sports Complex had included bike parks in its past projects.

Adult Education. No report.

Bicycle Youth Education. No report.

Bike Club Involvement. Ted Sunder reported that the bike club is considering Century options for September.

Old Business. Loren Easter suggested that we look into nominating Bill Donels for the Outdoor Hall of Fame, an award program of the Illinois Conservation Foundation, DNR's nonprofit fundraising partner.

New Business. There was no new business. Michael Higgins suggested that we check the application timeline for Bicycle Friendly Community renewal, and on whether Curb Your Car Week would be held in May 2021.

Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next BAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 11 at 4:30 PM by Zoom, unless the group agrees to an in-person meeting.

Submitted by Tom Clark, Secretary