

Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 8, 2021

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chair Ted Sunder.

Roll Call. Members Present: Mike Klemens, Tom Clark, Ted Sunder, Cynthia Thomas, Ben Long, Taylor Sutton, Michael Higgins, Loren Easter. Visitors: Bonnie Drew, Steven Simpson-Black.

Public Comment. None.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The December minutes were approved.

Bike Park. Loren led general discussion of next steps for bike parks, and also about natural surface trails, noting Springfield Park District includes them in promotions of Springfield as a bicycling to trails destination. He noted the importance of obtaining stakeholder buy-in for specific grant opportunities.

Bike Facility Enhancements. Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides was unable to attend. Ben Long advised that he was following up on Visitor Steven Simpson-Black's idea of using combined bike/bus lanes in specific places in Springfield. He hoped to identify an IDOT contact who could advise on this.

Bike Tourism. No report.

Adult Education. No report.

Bicycle Youth Education. Mike Klemens says he will contact Ridgely School about doing a small event, possibly on Bike to School day (May 5), to keep the ball rolling while the District addresses the pandemic.

Bike Club Involvement. Ted Sunder reported that Springfield Bicycle Club is working on ways to promote cycling through community events.

Old Business. Ted Sunder advised that the Bill Donels Memorial Fund currently has the donations in hand needed to fund the installation of a memorial bench for Bill on the bike trails.

New Business. Taylor Sutton presented about the importance of doing bike counts. Ben Long noted that he has a list of possible intersections to watch during counts. Mike Klemens suggested that a subcommittee be formed. Taylor agreed to lead an ad hoc subcommittee on bike counts.

Adjournment

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM. The next BAC meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 4:30 PM by Zoom, unless the group agrees to an in-person meeting.

Submitted by Tom Clark, Secretary