

## **Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2021

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Tom Clark called to order at 4:37 p.m. Tom has been named as Chair by the Mayor's Office. Loren Easter continues as Interim Secretary.

Roll Call. Ted Sunder, Ben Long, Peter Blythe Kiefer, Loren Easter, Mike Klemens, Tom Clark, Taylor Sutton, Cynthia Thompson. Guests: Kada and Maxwell Jedlicka

Public Comment. Maxwell Jedlicka is attending the meeting in search of bicycling related opportunities for Boy Scouts Eagle Scout projects. He attended the Springfield City Council meeting and was informed of the Bicycle Advisory Council meeting as a focal point for bicycling related opportunities. Members suggested some follow-up contacts for Maxwell.

Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. The June Minutes were approved.

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course). Loren reported that the committee is working with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on natural surface trail projects, with a current focus on projects such as bridge construction and trail building/maintenance, and a potential focus on increased advocacy within the community. The committee is also exploring opportunities for youth education within these groups for overall bicycling (safety) education.

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage). Ben Long discussed examples he sent by email of routing/traffic management ideas from other bicycle friendly communities. Bike lane improvements along Archer Elevator Rd received praise from Council members. Consideration of legislative measures to codify bicycling specific streets and safety measures was also discussed. Mike Klemens reiterated concerns about ensuring that secure and covered bicycle storage is included in the proposed 10<sup>th</sup> Street Transportation Center that he communicated by letter to the project's leaders. The Council discussed researching examples within other Illinois communities for bicycle storage/parking at intermodal centers, particularly along the Amtrak corridor. Members discussed whether a particular focus within the Public Works website for reporting problems specific to bicycling infrastructure was needed.

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage). No report.

Adult Education (speaker's bureau, presentation materials). Mike Klemens noted that information sharing should be increased within the cycling community and discussed ways to further develop distribution lists for this purpose. Mike is also exploring possibilities for information distribution via the websites of Public Works, the Regional Planning Commission,

the Bike Club, and other venues. It was suggested that information sharing possibilities through email and social media such as those used by Springfield Bicycle Club and Ride Illinois also be explored.

Youth Bike/Walk Safety Education (school curriculum and educator). Mike noted that he was following up with points of contact at Ridgely School about future collaborations. Council members also encouraged early interaction with Parent Teacher Associations regarding youth education/curriculum to gain better buy-in and longevity of programs.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement (BFC activities, meetings, workshops, open houses). Ted Sunder advised that activities are underway to prepare for the Capital City Century, which will be held on September 11, 2021. He noted that information about the Sangamon Cycling Series had been distributed widely and that attendance at events to date had been good.

Bicycle Friendly Bronze Award Renewal. Tom will email the Council a reminder about the first meeting of the Committee formed to submit the Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community renewal application to LAB in February 2022. The first meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2021, at the Corner Pub, 3271 W. Iles Avenue. Subsequent meetings will also be held on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Members interested in joining the Committee are asked to attend the first meeting or inform Tom of their interest. The Committee will invite Public Works, UIS, Regional Planning Commission, Springfield Bicycle Club and other relevant entities to help develop the application. A gap analysis of Next Steps to Silver will be completed as part of the process.

#### Old Business

Bill Donels memorial – Ted Sunder advised that the County has received and assembled the bench. Concrete pad and adjoining asphalt have been completed in preparation for installation. Remembrance event and dedication of bench and bike rack will be held August 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Bike Counts – Taylor Sutton of the Council will interpret collected data and make follow on recommendations. Council requests consideration for a secondary count in September and would like feedback from Public Works on count locations to gain impactful data.

New Business Item. No new business.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2021, at Maldaner's Restaurant, 222 S. 6th St. SBAC Member Michael Higgins will act as host.