

**Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2022**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Tom Clark called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Tom Clark, Ben Long, Taylor Sutton, Cynthia Thompson, Peter Kieffer. Visitors: Molly Berns, Shannan Karrick, Steven Simpson Black.

Public Comment. Executive Director Molly Berns and Senior Transportation Planner Shannan Karrick of the Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting at the invitation of Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides, who was unable attend. Molly advised that that the Commission intended to complete an update during 2022 of the 2012 SATS Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and invited the Council to consult on the plan's development. Tom advised that the Council would be glad to consult and invited the Commission to participate in development of the City's fall 2022 renewal application for the Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Level Award.

Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved.

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

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course). Mike, Taylor, and Loren met on February 5th with Park District administrators Derek Harms and Jason Graham and Park Board President Leslie Sgro about the Pump Track project at Comer Cox Park. The designer of the Iles Park Skate Park has been hired. Pump track design will draw on existing national models. The district anticipates a summer/fall rollout. There was no discussion of programming, but the district is open to ideas. They are seeking extra funds for a project coordinator. The project will include a paved trail around the park for which land acquisition is underway. In addition, the idea of designating Safe Routes to Parks was discussed at the meeting.

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage). Ben Long reported on spring 2022 additions to the wayfinding plan he has developed in consultation with Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides.

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

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education. Taylor advised that the PTO at Owen Marsh Elementary had committed to doing a biking and walking event in May.

Adult Education. No report.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities. No report.

## Committee Reports

**BFC (Bronze) Renewal Committee.** Tom noted that the BFC application portal will re-open in late spring with significantly revised questions and a new focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion that would replace Enforcement. Visitor Steven Simpson Black suggested looking at what the City of Madison Wisconsin's Transportation Planning & Policy Board is doing to address equity as a priority in its bike-ped planning process.

**Bike Count Committee.** No report.

## Old Business

**Secure bicycle storage at transportation center.** Visitor Molly Berns advised that the Commission was actively involved in the planning process and had asked Hanson for details on its current secure bicycle storage plans. Taylor will follow up with Hanson Engineering who advised earlier they would get back to the Council about options.

**Legacy Pointe Sports Complex.** No report.

New Business. None.

Announcements. None.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2022, in-person at 4:30 p.m. at Municipal Center West, in the City Council Conference Room on the Third Floor.