

# Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Tom Clark called meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Taylor Sutton, Tom Clark, Ted Sunder, Mike Klemens, Michael Higgins, Peter Blythe Kieffer, Ben Long, Loren Easter. Guests: TJ Heavisides.

Public Comment. None

Approval of Agenda. Agenda approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. The March Minutes were approved with Mike Klemens request to remove his name from the credits for production of the Bike Count Summary – Great work Taylor!

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course). Loren is working on a proposal for a web-based resource that would hopefully facilitate natural surface trail development in the Springfield area. The proposed areas for development are a reiteration of previous concepts for Springfield Park District and City of Springfield owned lands.

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage).

Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides provided street improvement updates. The public meeting for North Koke Mill Road reconstruction was well attended with over 100 participants. Some public comments regarded pass-through traffic and parking in neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed bike-ped path route Koke Mill to Sangamon Valley Trail. Road work is planned to start sometime in 2024, Additional road project updates:

- MLK planning – TJ discussed various options including a road diet
- Lawrence/MacArthur intersection – still having challenges to determine the way ahead
- Stanford project -- still pending; cost estimates very high; low number of bids
- TJ's team reviewed Ben's signage proposals and put them into future budgets/plans

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage).

The BikeShare RFP is being reviewed again by Public Works to reduce requirements and expectations. One question posed during discussion was whether the bikeshare focus was more on tourism or bicycle network connectivity for area residents.

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education.

Taylor Sutton previously shared that the Owen Marsh PTO agreed to hold an initial bike/walk to school day on May 4th. The PTO stipulated that the event must be inclusive and not just about bicycling. Taylor provided an update, saying that the PTO was still trying to determine resources and leadership to run the event; The Council discussed what resources might be provided to Owen Marsh to support the initiative, including in class educational materials.

- The idea of including a Bike Rodeo was discussed. The Council reiterated the need for a bike fleet and helmets that are not currently available. For example, where could helmets be acquired if St. John's hospital is no longer able to provide them?

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- Safe Routes to School construction grants was also discussed. These grants had not been a Public Works priority as other sources have been used to fund a successful sidewalk program. Using this kind of grant for construction is difficult due to long range engineering and procurement efforts and alignment of those respective processes. The Council recommended that focus should be on programmatic Safe Routes to School grants instead. It will seek background information from Cynthia Hoyle on the Champaign/Urbana SRTS program.

Adult Education. No report.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities. SBC is supporting an Earth Day booth at Henson-Robinson Zoo on 23 April at Zoo. The Council discussed SBAC involvement in terms of publicizing bike counts and providing other information such as bike maps. Efforts are ongoing.

Committee Reports

**BFC (Bronze) Renewal Committee.**

Still no posted information from LAB: BFC application portal to re-open in late spring.

**Bike Count Committee.**

Taylor will continue to lead the effort, but help is needed to recruit volunteers to count. How can we leverage community 'project' opportunities for groups to support bike counts? Count planners continue to look at adding survey sites in advance of infrastructure improvements.

Old Business

**Secure bicycle storage at transportation center.** No report. Collaboration continues.

New Business. None.

Announcements. None.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2022, in-person at 4:30 p.m. at Municipal Center West, in the City Council Conference Room on the Third Floor.