

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Tom Clark called meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

Public Comment. None.

Approval of Agenda. Approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. Approved.

Discussion Items – Council Projects and Priorities:

Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course). No report.

Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage). Traffic Engineer TJ Heavisides reported that he had been receiving complaints about the bike signs on Walnut from residents, including one stating that they may go to City Council to ask to have the signs taken down. He provided a street improvement update. Toronto Road recently underwent an overlay and TJ stated that the faded bike lanes have been restriped. Martin Luther King Drive is slated for a road diet with bike lane improvements (South Grand to South of Clear Lake), the same improvements as Walnut, as well as improved pedestrian signage. A question was asked as to whether this project could be included on the Bike Friendly application or if it needed to be completed first. Tom noted that a completed project can be counted toward totals (miles of bike lanes, for example), and there is also a place to describe projects that are planned or underway. Ben stated that it was good to look at SSCRPC's Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that Springfield needs a trail like the cultural trail in Indianapolis. It goes to all the major cultural and tourist sites in a downtown loop. A future 3rd street trail may help achieve this goal.

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage). Tom noted that the wayfinding signage being implemented supports tourism.

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education. Tom congratulated Taylor on an amazing event at Owen Marsh School on Friday, May 13th. Taylor stated that it was a great event and that the students had a wonderful time. She stated that the parents, teachers and principal all enjoyed it as well. She noted that the bike rack was old and was off in the distance rather than near the school at Owen Marsh. She stated that there is a score card rating system for rating bike racks and maybe that could be done at all the schools to identify which schools needed new racks. Cynthia asked how much a new bike rack would cost. Taylor googled it and found a two-slot bike rack for \$130. Cynthia asked if the possibility of purchasing a new bike rack could be offered to Owen Marsh parents/supporters. Maybe that could create new energy/interest in biking for that

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school. Michael asked if Safe Routes to Schools funding could be obtained from a federal grant. TJ stated that surveys would need to be done to justify/identify the need. Taylor asked if the Safe Routes to Schools grant provides infrastructure and non-infrastructure funding through grants. Tom suggested setting up a (Zoom) meeting with Cynthia Hoyle to explore funding opportunities through Safe Routes to Schools.

Adult Education. No report.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities. Ted reported that the Open Streets event on Saturday, May 14th was not highly attended. Taylor said that she missed it because it wasn't well promoted.

Committee Reports

BFC (Bronze) Renewal Committee. Tom reported that he has not yet received information about the deadline to submit for renewal of the City's Bronze Level BFC Award. Once he receives that information he will pull the committee together to begin working.

Bike Count Committee. No report.

Old Business

Secure bicycle storage at transportation center. No report.

New Business. None.

Announcements. None.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 11th at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, City Council Conference Room – Third Floor.