

Call to Order/Establish Quorum. Chair Tom Clark called meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

Roll Call. Members Present: Cynthia Thompson, Taylor Sutton, Tom Clark, Ted Sunder, Mike Klemens, Michael Higgins, Peter Blythe Kieffer, Ben Long, Loren Easter. Guests: None.

Public Comment. None.

Approval of Agenda. Approved.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes. Approved with correction: Mike Klemens was not present in June – strike name from minutes.

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).

Recommendation was made to set a meeting, possibly a virtual meeting, with Cynthia Hoyle from Urbana for mentorship toward developing a Safe Routes to School programming for Springfield.

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

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education.

Taylor reported that a future Owen Marsh school program should be anticipated after the success of Walk + Roll Day event on May 13.

Adult Education. Tom encouraged the recruitment of more LCI (League Cycling Instructor) candidates as the application of LCI skills could benefit bicycle education and advocacy in Springfield.

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

### Committee Reports

**BFC (Bronze) Renewal Committee.** Tom led the discussion on two options offered by League of American Bicyclists for submitting the City's Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) renewal application: an option to submit in either September 2022 or February 2023 with no lapse in Bronze status, and an option to submit for renewal only or for renewal at a higher (Silver) level.

The new application has many new questions and a new focus on Equity. Renewal only applicants have the option to focus on the original questions, with their responses to new questions not negatively affecting renewals. Those applying for renewal at a higher level will need to seek to answer all old and new questions across the expanded application.

Michael suggested that we could take the time to review the new questions and then decide what to do. There was discussion of seeking a 5-year Bronze renewal in September and submitting for Silver in February or later on. Taylor said that reviewing the new application and/or submitting for Silver would help us develop recommendations for the City to guide future actions and policies. Those present agreed that a decision will be made at the next meeting on which options to pursue.

**Bike Count Committee.** No report.

Old Business

- a) **Secure bicycle storage at transportation center.** Project spokesperson Sarah Jimenez emailed information regarding the initial number of bike spaces (24), and their location on first floor. She included a request to SBAC for recommendation on types of racks to purchase/install. Mike Klemens advised that questions had been posed in return to Sara about cameras, security, and covered parking.
- b) **Assist in Update of 2012 Bike Ped Plan by SSCRPC.** No report.
- c) **Research funding options** (moved from New Business). The committee discussed at length what steps could be taken to facilitate establishing an active transportation coordinator for Springfield. They discussed how to ensure any position was multifaceted and included advocacy and education as well as bike transportation issues. Initial brainstorming sought to identify stakeholders based on the question: What would the 'coordinator' do, and who might help fund such a position, such as entities with tourism, active transportation, safety, education, and advocacy duties?

New Business. None.

Announcements. None.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8th at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, City Council Conference Room – Third Floor.