

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

Roll Call. Members Present: Cynthia Thompson, Mike Klemens, Ben Long, Loren Easter, Peter Blythe Kieffer, Taylor Sutton, Guests: TJ Heavisides (City Engineer).

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). None.

Loren reported that Cox Comer has opened the pump track last week.

How do we convey to the City of Springfield the importance of improving the biking infrastructure and the economic impact/missed opportunity that they present?

TJ asked what organizations typically organized these events. Loren stated that they were usually sponsored by the bike clubs. He stated that we would need to have the resources in order to do this.

Taylor stated that there isn't an easy answer. Marketing is part of it. We don't have a strategy. We have goals, but we don't have resources to get there.

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

Loren asked the question: Should we focus on transportation versus tourism?

Taylor agreed that that was an important question.

Ben reported on the new diet on Bruns Lane. He thanked TJ for his work on it.

TJ stated that there will now be dedicated bike lanes on Bruns Lane.

Peter stated that Walnut is now a dream, although there has been a problem with walnuts.

It has now been cleaned up.

Taylor asked where people are crossing. TJ responded that people are crossing on Palomino.

Ben stated that the camera on Veteran's are now able to detect him.

Taylor asked what can be done to make people feel safer.

Ben stated that IDOT should put crosswalks all along Veteran's.

This year will be Jefferson to North Grand.

Next year will be North Grand to Palomino.

North Grand could also have a diet between North Grand and Palomino.

The street marking plan is moving forward for Bruns Lane (primarily N. Grand to Veterans Pkwy).

Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage). A discussion about Bike Share/scooters was held.

Youth Bike/walk Safety Education. Owen Marsh is doing a Bike, Walk, and Roll event on Wednesday. Mike asked if they needed any help and they stated that they will do it themselves. He said that he would call it a success. He stated that it works because they have a strong PTO and an individual interested in coordinating the event.). He asked if anyone knew of any other school that had an active PTO and was interested in holding a similar event, let him know.

Adult Education. Mike reported that we are getting ready to approach the city about establishing an Active Transportation Coordinator with the city to coordinate various activities. We believe that the position needs to be in the city. If you are in the county you are going to deal with long-range trail issues. We are thinking of going to the Park District, possibly SMTD. He stated that in Champaign they have a person who is funded by the Mass Transit District. After reviewing the results of the bike count, our first priority was to establish an Active Transportation Coordinator. He will talk with Kathleen first, then SMTD.

Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement in bicycle friendly community activities.

Committee Reports

Bike Count Committee. No report

Old Business

New Business. Loren asked if the committee would like to spend some time at future meetings developing a strategic plan. TJ read the ordinance that created the Bicycle Advisory Committee on December 2, 2008, and the duties established by the ordinance. Mayor Davlin was the mayor at the time.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14th at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, City Council Conference Room – Third Floor.