Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026
Springfield, IL

I. Order/Establish Quorum (Quorum: 4/7; two vacancies currently on the committee – Ben Long, Peter Blythe Kieffer)
Meeting called to order by Loren Easter at 4:45pm.

II. Roll Call. Members present: Cynthia Thompson; Ted Sunder, Loren Easter, Mike Klemens, Michael Higgins; Guests: TJ Heavisides, Chris Scheufele.

III. Public Comment
Chris shared a document with TJ regarding about a plot of land along the Interurban Trail that a couple of members of the Springfield Bicycle Club are working on upgrading and improving. The document is requesting permission for the Bicycle Club to upgrade the area by mowing and adding flowers and landscaping. TJ stated that he would check into the matter and get back to Chris.

IV. Approval of Agenda.
Approved.

V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes.
Approved.

VI. Discussion Items – Council Projects and Priorities:

- Bicycle Park (BMX track, cross-country trail, rodeo skills course).
  None

- Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage, connectivity).
  Martin Luther King project is in progress. Hedley to West White Oaks had 8 right of way parcels in the works. As soon as they get approval, they we will be ready to go. A roundabout will be added to Cascade Drive and West White Oaks Drive.

  Chris stated that the Arrowroot Coffee shop has just opened. He stated that if there were still some Abraham Lincoln Penny bike racks available, the owner might be interested in installing one in front of his shop. TJ looked at that map and found that there is already one in front of the building on the city map.

Connectivity Discussion

- Mike would like the city to consider making enhancements and increasing signage from 2nd Street to Jaycee Park on East Capitol Avenue.
- Mike stated that he has identified a need; he suggested that at the next meeting/at a future meeting we discuss the specifics.
- Loren stated that lots of plans are in place for the 3rd Street coordinator. Loren asked about the 19th Street corridor and whether anything was being done to improve that area. TJ stated that there hadn't been any discussions he had been a part of involving that area.

- Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage)
  Chris stated that they are using the Route 66 theme for the Springfield Century this year.

- Bike/Walk Safety Education.
  Loren stated that he had not yet reached out to Ride Illinois for their information to share at the Earth Fair. He will do that soon.

- Adult Education
  The Earth Fair is scheduled for April 25. Nancy has stated that she will attend. Cynthia will attend as well. Mike stated that his plan is for the focus to be on connectivity. Mike asked TJ if he could get some more maps to give out. Loren stated that someone had mentioned having a stash of bike maps. Someone stated that they thought Nancy had said that she had some in their shop (Bike Tek), but wasn't sure if she still had them.

- Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement
  SBC is working on coordination of annual Wabash Trail cleanup.

Committee Reports
None

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03pm. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9 at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, Public Works Conference Room – Second Floor.