Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

March 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 Cynthia Thompson at 4:45pm.

II. Roll Call. Members present: Cynthia Thompson; Ted Sunder, Michael Higgins, Taylor Sutton; Guests: TJ Heavisides.

III. Public Comment
Jason Sass shared that Curb Your Car Week is May 10 – 16, 2026. It will be called Active Transportation Week. He suggested that sponsoring a bike ride during that week, as the committee had discussed in the past, would be a great idea. Ted stated that such a ride would typically be sponsored by the Bicycle Club. Michael stated that he would be willing to reach out to the MacArthur Association and share the idea.

Jason stated that they have a small marketing budget this year that they can use to help promote these activities.

Taylor asked if there are any online trackers for this process.

Jason reported that they are going to make some changes to the Active Transportation Plan before making it official.

He asked TJ if they could put up a sign indicating local traffic only on Edwards.

TJ stated that could be done and asked if the reason for doing so was to support bike week.

Taylor asked how many signs could be put up.

TJ suggested adding a link to the Curb Your Car Week activities asking people to indicate whether they were interested in participating.

Jason stated that there is a Facebook page for Curb Your Car Week.

Jason asked if the owners of the Bicentennial Plaza had complained about bike or scooter traffic in that area since it was intended as a pedestrian walkway.

Ted stated that the Bicycle Club map is online.

TJ suggested handing out a bicycle map at Earth Fair

He also asked each SBAC member to write a short article for the newsletter about their favorite trail.

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).
  Connectivity Discussion

- Bicycle Tourism (apps, routes, signage)
  None

- Bike/Walk Safety Education.
  None

- Adult Education
  None

- Springfield Bicycle Club Involvement
  None

Committee Reports
None

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:21pm. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13 at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, Public Works Conference Room – Second Floor.