Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

June 8, 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 4:52pm.

II. Roll Call. Members present: Ted Sunder, Cynthia Thompson, Taylor Sutton, Nancy Thompson, Mike Klemens, Loren Easter. Guests:

III. Public Comment
Loren Easter, former chairman of the SBAC, told the group that he was going to step away from his membership on the council.

Loren related his efforts to get local officials at various levels interested in promoting off-road cycling. He said his efforts had been politely received, but that no one had responded to any of his proposals.

Loren said that despite his frustrations, he would continue to champion off-road cycling.

The committee unanimously passed a resolution thanking Loren for his efforts in support of all forms of cycling in Springfield.

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).
  Loren shared that this agenda item could be removed from the agenda.

- Bicycle Facility Enhancements (bike racks, parking corral, lanes, signage, connectivity).
  - *Connectivity Discussion*
    A lengthy discussion ensued over the bike boulevards proposed in the SSCRPC in its planning documents for bike infrastructure.
    Council members had difficulty visualizing the identified bike boulevards even with the help of TJ's blow-up maps.

    More discussions to follow.

- 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
Nancy Thompson said she would like to discuss creation of a 501(c)3 organization to support trail maintenance at a future meeting.

Confirm Next Meeting Date and Adjournment.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13 at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, Public Works Conference Room – Second Floor.