Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

July 13, 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 4:43pm.

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

III. Public Comment

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

  Michael asked what a buffered lane was. TJ explained that there were different understandings of what that means.

  Taylor brought up the comments that Mike had shared in an email to the committee since he couldn't be at the meeting.

  - Below are the four areas identified by the committee as good streets to develop into bike boulevards:
  - Feldkamp from Washington to the Park (North/South)
  - Lincoln from North Grand to Washington Park (North/South)
  - Edwards from Feldkamp to 2nd Street (East/West)
  - Capitol from 2nd Street to Jaycee Park (East/West)

  Also, below are some connections that need to be improved:
  - Outer Park from Laurel to Greenbriar

- MacArthur Blvd

  Taylor asked what our next step is regarding the discussions we have been having about connectivity and the connections that have been identified so far.

TJ responded that the next step would be for him to share these suggestions with his staff to determine a priority list for making these changes.

- Large employers (medical district)
- High schools/UIS
- Shopping
- Parks
- Trails

- 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.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm. The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10 at Municipal Center West – 7th and Monroe, Public Works Conference Room – Second Floor.