

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
December 20, 2010**

Present: Amy Hausman, Mark Jaynes, Lee Nye, Eric Peterson, Todd Stocke, Cindi Swanson

Absent: Tom Craighead, Jeannette DiGiovine-Gehrs, Keith Luhrs

Student Representative: George Waked

City of Naperville Staff: Jennifer Louden

Members of Public: Bob Hoel, Roger Pardon, Nancy Rice, Marla Turek

A. Call to Order

- Jaynes called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. Public Forum

C. Approval of Meeting Summary

- Nye made a motion to approve the October 18, 2010 meeting minutes. Hausman provided a second and the motion carried.

D. Correspondence

D1. Trail Crossing at 75th Street and Book Road – BPAC appreciated the timely response from DuPage County and the consideration that was given to the concerns they raised. Nye noted that the letter did not address the request to modify the signal to restrict the westbound left turn movements. It was agreed that the signage and striping improvements proposed by the County should improve motorist awareness of the trail crossing.

E. Old Business

E1. FY10-11 BIP Work Program – BPAC reviewed the status of projects included on the FY 10-11 Bicycle Implementation Plan Work Program. Louden updated the committee on the following project:

- Bike Path Maintenance Plan – The research and inventory are complete. Staff will be preparing a memorandum to City Council in January 2011 that outlines the program, potential costs, and next steps. BPAC will receive a copy of the memo.

F. New Business

F1. Illinois Route 59 Bikeway – Louden provided an overview of the current status of the Illinois Route 59 Expansion project. IDOT will incorporate a bikeway into the design to meet Complete Streets requirements. Due to the cost participation and maintenance requirements, the local agencies (Naperville and Aurora) will decide if the bicycle path is constructed or if sidewalk is constructed as originally designed. The Committee voted

unanimously to recommend that the bikeway be constructed as part of the Illinois Route 59 Expansion project noting the following:

- Although not included in the City of Naperville Bicycle Implementation Plan, a bikeway along Illinois Route 59 will add a critical north-south spine to the city's bicycle network and will provide connections to many routes included in the plan.
- The parallel on-street routes initially considered are not convenient. A path along Illinois Route 59 will provide bicyclists with direct access to the many businesses along Illinois Route 59 and better access to the adjacent neighborhoods and the Metra station.
- The city should capitalize on the opportunity to construct the bikeway at reduced costs.
- Consideration should be given to including railings between the roadway and path in areas where the parkway will be narrow. These should be installed at the time of initial construction.

F2. Trail Impacts on Real Estate Values – Louden shared an email from Deborah Fagan, Chief Planner and County Trail System Coordinator for DuPage County, requesting that a volunteer research the impact of trails on real estate values. National studies have shown that trails increase home values three to five percent, however there is no local data available. Ms. Turek noted that she researched this topic five to six years ago and the realtors she spoke with indicated that a planned bikeway constructed at the time of neighborhood development could have a positive impact (i.e. Green Trails in Lisle), but that introducing a bikeway into an established neighborhood could have a negative impact. Mr. Hoel noted that the national studies are available on the Rails to Trails Conservancy website. The Committee agreed it would be useful to have local data to see if Naperville follows the national trend. Members will consider volunteering to work on the project.

G. Next Meeting – February 21, 2011

H. Adjournment

- The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.