

# **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

## **February 22, 2010**

**Present:** Tom Buffington, Tom Craighead, Jeannette DiGiovine-Gehrs, Amy Hausman, Lee Nye, Eric Peterson, Todd Stocke

**Absent:** Mark Jaynes, Keith Luhrs

**City of Naperville Staff:** Jen Ebel

**Members of public:** Bryan Bos, Marla Turek

### **A. Call to Order**

- Craighead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **B. Public Forum**

### **C. Approval of Meeting Summary**

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

### **D. Correspondence**

- D1. Ebel updated the committee on the approval of Todd Stocke as BPAC member through June 30, 2012 by the Transportation Advisory Board on February 6, 2010. The committee welcomed Stocke.

### **E. Old Business - None**

### **F. New Business**

- F1. BPAC reviewed the proposed FY10-11 Bicycle Implementation Plan Work Program that identifies projects to be implemented during the next year. Ebel stated that projects identified on the work program were developed by referencing the Capital Improvement Project list, the Task List, and the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Priority List. All items included in the FY10-11 Work Program are considered to be high priority projects as identified on the BFC Priority List. Ebel also commented that each item currently on the committee's Task List correspond with an item on the BFC List. Ebel provided BPAC with an updated BFC Priority List showing where each item on the Task List fits into the BFC Priority List.

BPAC expressed an interest including a statement on the FY10-11 Work Program to improve printability for the Biking Map and Guide update. The committee also requested emphasizing the safety element of the Bike Education and Encouragement project. BPAC approved the revised work program 8-0.

In addition, BPAC discussed how an update to the Bicycle Implementation Plan will fit into the work program and a continued interest in signal actuation. Ebel informed the committee that as part of the overall Transportation Work Program, the city is planning to initiate an update to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan in FY10-11. An update to the Bicycle Implementation Plan, and the evaluation of policy statements, will likely correspond with portions of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan update but will not take place in the next year. Ebel also stated that information regarding signal actuation will be available at the March meeting.

- F2. BPAC provided feedback on potential downtown bicycle parking locations and considered various bicycle rack designs to be used for the Bicycle Rack Fundraising Program. The

program is being developed to allow local clubs to raise funds that will cover the costs of purchasing and installing bicycle racks at select locations in the downtown and near the Riverwalk. Ebel noted that staff will be requesting approval of the program concept, at the March 6, 2010 TAB meeting.

BPAC identified the following downtown locations for further evaluation by staff:

1. Riverwalk/Main Street Parking Lot
2. NW corner of Jefferson Avenue/Main Street
3. West of Anderson's on the north side of Jefferson Avenue
4. North side of Jefferson Avenue, west mid block crossing (near Ted's)
5. NW corner of Central Parking Facility surface parking lot, south side of Jefferson
6. East side of Washington Street/Van Buren Avenue, near SW corner of YMCA property and the existing benches and statue

The committee also agreed that there could be three options offered through the program including the standard "U" rack, a uniform design (such as a rack in the shape of a bike) that is recognizable as a bike rack and could be used to "brand" the program, and unique proposals for a specific bicycle rack type or additional location that will be reviewed as requested. The committee concurred that black is an appropriate, timeless color for the bicycle racks. Ebel indicated that staff will work to develop additional details of the program with the Riverwalk Commission. Staff will bring further information regarding the program to future BPAC meetings.

- F3. BPAC began brainstorming for Bike Month 2010. An excerpt from the March 16, 2009 meeting minutes that highlighted the activities considered for Bike Month 2009 was included in the agenda packet. The committee reviewed the list and commented on the following:
- An interest to work with Chief Dial to write a bike related article for Bike Month
  - Working as a committee to create a series of small bike route loops
  - Promotion of Bike Month on Twitter and Facebook; Ebel will check into how the open meetings act would impact these social networks
  - Improve readability of the bike map
  - Consider a city maintained Google map of the bike network
  - Investigate bicycle parking at special events
  - Work with the Chamber to coordinate with businesses for Bike Month discounts

Additional New Business: Ebel encouraged new members interested in learning about the history, documents, and policies related to the committee or other city business to contact staff.

#### **H. Next Meeting – March 15, 2010**

#### **I. Adjournment**

- Nye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Buffington provided a second and the motion carried.