

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

April 19, 2010

Present: Jeannette DiGiovine-Gehrs, Amy Hausman, Mark Jaynes, Keith Luhrs, Lee Nye, Eric Peterson, Todd Stocke

Absent: Tom Buffington, Tom Craighead

Student Representative: Dorothy Cygan

City of Naperville Staff: Jen Ebel

Members of public: Becky Cox, Jenette Sturges, Marla Turek

A. Call to Order

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

B. Public Forum

- Becky Cox expressed a concern regarding pedestrian access across the DuPage River and Washington Street, specifically commenting on the lack of sidewalks along Washington Street as it crosses the DuPage River. BPAC members noted that historically a pedestrian crossing at 87th Street and Washington Street was considered, that pedestrian crosswalks are available at the intersections of Washington Street/Ring Road and Washington Street/Royce Road, and that the next update to the Bicycle Implementation Plan, which currently guides bicycle facility development in the city, will allow the committee to evaluate potential enhancements in the area. Additionally, the Bicycle Implementation Plan update will include a public involvement component for residents to provide feedback on any proposed changes to the bicycle plan.

C. Approval of Meeting Summary

- Luhrs made a motion to approve the March 15, 2010 meeting minutes with a revision changing the motion to adjourn from Nye to Luhrs. Stocke provided a second and the motion carried.

D. Correspondence – None

E. Old Business

E1. The committee considered bike rack designs provided by the Riverwalk Planning, Design, and Construction Committee for the Bicycle Rack Fundraising Program. Bicycle rack designs discussed included a vertical post with a circular logo, jumping fish, and curved posts arranged to look like grass. BPAC favored the design with the circular logo, provided enough space between the logo and outer rim is available for locks to fit securely. It was noted that the bike rack designed to look like grass may not be as easily used as other designs and a U-lock and/or cable may not fit as securely as with other designs. Additionally, the more sculptural looking racks were recommended to be evaluated by the respective committees as requested.

E2. BPAC discussed activities planned for Bike Month including:

- Bike to Metra – June 14 (Naperville Station and Route 59 Station)
- Reuse and Recycling Extravaganza collection and recycling of old bicycles and bike parts – June 5
- Green Earth Fair Bike Month promotion – May 2
- Recap of the Sts. Peter and Paul Safety Talk by DiGiovine-Gehrs

- Messages sent to high school cyclists from Cygan
- Potential messages for Chief Dial's news paper column including the 3' law, bicycle registration, safety messages for riding on-street, how to share the road at an intersection (both motorist and cyclist perspectives), and reiterating that cycling is not permitted on sidewalks in the downtown but is acceptable in other areas of the city
- Working with bike shops to coordinate future printing of the city bike map

F. New Business

F1. Ebel provided updates on the FY10-11 Bicycle Implementation Plan Work Program. Ebel also shared that staff will provide monthly updates on the work program as a way to keep the committee informed about current projects and identify projects with dedicated staff time. Staff plans to provide the BFC Priority List, which includes all items from the BPAC Task List, for review by the committee each spring when the next year's work program is proposed. Staff also responded to clarification questions from Turek regarding the FY10-11 map and schedule for the On-street Route Implementation project.

Additional New Business:

- Hausman shared an example of a road diet project in South Haven, MI. The community re-striped a four lane roadway (2 lanes in each direction) to include two northbound lanes, one southbound lane, and a bicycle lane in each direction. Hausman also noted challenges with the design, such as connectivity. Currently, the bicycle lane is available on a small stretch of Broadway Street and does not cross a bridge to the north that leads to Lake Michigan and ends at the first major intersection to the south.
- Stocke shared that the Illinois Prairie Path Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010. More information is available at www.ipp.org.
- Ebel informed the committee that Buffington has indicated August 2010 will be his last meeting as a BPAC member due to changing work responsibilities. Staff will contact residents who expressed interest during the last membership vacancy and encourage them to attend the upcoming BPAC meetings.

H. Next Meeting – May 17, 2010

I. Adjournment

- Nye made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Luhrs provided a second and the motion carried.