
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

Members Present: Brandon Bowersox, Gary Engelgau, Rick Bernotas, Gary Cziko, Susan Jones, Barak Rosenshine, Audrey Ishii, Bryan Lake, Dana Mancuso

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Selby

Absent: Gary Biehl

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by verbal record and a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On the top of page 2 there was a typo – this will be fixed. Motion was made by Barak Rosenshine and seconded by Rick Bernotas to approve the minutes from February 17, 2009. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Input

Patrick Schmitz 311 S. Elm, Champaign. He produces custom bike racks and is interested in our input as far as placement of the racks and types of rack. Jennifer Selby would like for the artist to follow the City of Urbana Bicycle Parking Guidelines. Increasing bike parking around town is very important to BPAC. Discussion ensued.

Rex Bradfield 2101 ½ Pond Street, Urbana. He recently ran for Mayor and shared input that he received from residences that he visited while running for Mayor recently. He is most concerned about the Philo Road bike lanes; discussion ensued.

Jennifer Selby reported that the Philo Road bike lanes are part of the master plan connecting Washington Street, Main Street, Colorado Avenue and more areas. Bryan Lake said we need to strengthen education regarding bike lane knowledge and perhaps develop a “share the road” television spot.

VI. New Business

A. *Public Works Projects updates*

Jennifer Selby presented. Project updates included Goodwin Avenue and Windsor Road. The projects are updated as needed on the city website. Discussion ensued.

Jennifer Selby said there is \$185,000 in the budget this year to implement a bike facility striping and signage plan. The locations of the facilities is not yet known.

B. Becoming a Bicycle-Friendly Community

Jennifer Selby presented. Discussion ensued.

Jennifer Selby suggested committing to becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community. Brandon Bowersox recommended that we participate in the action plan and the 4 hour workshop mentioned in Jennifer's presentation and to make a recommendation to the council to become Bicycle Friendly Community. Motion was made by Gary Cziko to recommend to pass a resolution in support of the action plan to become a Bicycle Friendly Community – motion was seconded by Susan Jones and the motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Bicycle Education & Outreach Campaign

Jennifer Selby presented. Adding a bicycle safety component on our new city website is highly recommended. The following websites were briefly viewed:

<http://www.cumtd.com/walkbike/Default.aspx>
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/kidsonbikes/kidsbike.pdf>
<http://state.il.us/kids/isp/bikes/>
http://www.sos.state.il.us/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a1434.pdf
<http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/egov/docs/1223504091830.htm>
<http://www.biketraffic.org/>

A list of the websites was forwarded to all members of BPAC.

Champaign County Bikes will be at Market at the Square once a month and it would be a good idea to get some of the City of Urbana Bicycle Parking Guidelines brochures to that group to distribute.

Bryan Lake shared that there is a "Safety Town" in Peoria, Illinois. This is open to the schools in the area.
<http://www.peoriaparks.org/bicycle-safety-town>

VII. Old Business

No old business.

VIII. Announcements

Jennifer Selby announced the Safe Routes to School annual conference will be held August 19-21, 2009 in Portland, Oregon and she is planning on attending along with Cynthia Hoyle.

Audrey Ishii announced the Illinois Marathon that was held the previous weekend was a success and an exciting event.

IX. Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Hoffman
Recording Secretary