
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 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, Gary Cziko, Susan Jones, Morgan Johnston, Bryan Lake, Rick Bernotas, Dana Mancuso, Audrey Ishii

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Selby

Absent: Barak Rosenshine,

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Brandon Bowersox would like to add an additional agenda item, that being "Council and Mayor – City goals and discussion." Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the added item. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Morgan Johnston and seconded by Gary Cziko to approve the minutes from September 15, 2009. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Input

No public input

VI. New Business

A. *Bicyclists' Rights – Illinois Law - Gary Cziko*

<http://gcziko20091117.notlong.com>

Gary Cziko presented this agenda item. Gary stated that bicyclists have three rights in Illinois:

Lanes: The right to "take the lane" when bicycling on shared lanes of "substandard width" (i.e., 14 feet wide or less). They may also take the lane in other situations such as for better visibility, to avoid hazards, and discourage motorists from squeezing by them.

Safety: The right to a safe passing distance of at least 3 feet.

Side path independence: No obligation for bicyclists to use a separated bike or multi-use path adjacent to a roadway; bicyclists have the right to use the roadway instead if desired.

Discussion ensued as more education needs to be relayed to the public. Gary Cziko suggested showing a video on UPTV that he presented to the commission. Gary Cziko then discussed BMUFL (Bikes may use full lane) regulatory sign. Discussion ensued about signage and education.

B. Bicycle Master Plan Implementation – Status Update – Jennifer Selby

The City is planning a bicycle facility implementation project in 2010. The budget is \$80,000.00. The project includes installation of bike lanes, shared bike/parking lanes, shared lane markings, and bike routes. North – south streets include: Race Street from Windsor Road to Pennsylvania Avenue; Anderson Street from Windsor Road to Oregon Street jogging over to Grove Street then south to Main Street; Philo Road from Windsor Road to Colorado Avenue, and Philo Road from Pennsylvania Avenue to Washington Street. East-west roads include: Mumford Drive from Vine Street to Philo Road, Pennsylvania Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Anderson Street, and Washington Street from Lincoln Avenue to Philo Road. Some of these streets need to have on-street parking removed to accommodate the bike lanes. This item will be discussed at the next Traffic Commission meeting on December 1, 2009. Public works operations crew will install the signs and the City will bid out the striping to a contractor.

C. Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Application – Jennifer Selby

Jennifer Selby will attend the City Council meeting on December 7, 2009 to explain what a BFC is and to let the council know that the City is applying to become a Bicycle Friendly Community. The application is due February 19, 2010 and Jennifer will be working on the application over the next few months. Jennifer would like to have a steering committee to help her fill out and review the application. The announcement of whether or not Urbana becomes a BFC will be made in May.

D. Council and Mayor City goals and discussion – Brandon Bowersox

Brandon Bowersox presented. Every four years the council and mayor compile a list of goals to accomplish. This document is being routed to commission members and the public for open comments, additions or changes if needed. He hopes to have the policy adopted in December. Some additions that the commission discussed were: community wide bicycle safety education programs linked with drivers' education classes; adding bike boulevards; roundabouts for intersection projects and; identifying continued conflict intersections in Urbana. Morgan Johnston said that the CCB map has a listing of difficult intersections. Brandon Bowersox emailed the committee members an attachment, please give him feedback to that as soon as we can.

VII. Old Business

No old business.

VIII. Announcements

Rebecca Bird with the City of Urbana planning department announced that the City, in cooperation with other local partners, is planning a National Bike to Work day to be held in early May. She is in the early stages and needs volunteers and will bring back more information to the next BPAC meeting. Dana Mancuso announced that someone keeps writing on the sidewalks in Meadowbrook Park that biking is not allowed on the sidewalks. She reminded everyone that biking is allowed in the park on the sidewalks but to be polite when sharing the sidewalk with pedestrians and other bicyclists. Charlie Smyth announced the bike maps are up for revision and CCB would like to get it done by May so please see him if you would like to help. Gary Cziko said the public comment period for the Long Range Transportation Plan ends next Wednesday November 25, 2009 and to please see him or Charlie Smyth to help out. Jennifer Selby announced that Goodwin Avenue bike lanes have been striped. Brandon Bowersox announced that December 1, 2009 at 4:00 is the Traffic Commission meeting and to please try to attend this important meeting that will discuss removing parking along certain streets in Urbana so they may install bike lanes.

IX. Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
This meeting was recorded