

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Date: Tuesday July 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

Members Present: Gary Cziko, Brandon Bowersox, Ray Spooner

Staff Members Present: Brad Bennett

Absent: Susan Jones, Morgan Johnston, Barak Rosenshine, Bryan Lake, Audrey Ishii, Michelle Guerra

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by verbal record and there was not a quorum was present. Presentation will be given but no minutes or agenda will be approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

There was not a quorum present so therefore the agenda was not approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 19, 2011 could not be approved because there was not a quorum.

V. Public Input

No public input

VI. New Business

Project Updates Related to Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

1. Main Street Resurfacing and Bike Lanes Project – Brad Bennett

Main Street from Cedar Street to Scottswood Drive. This project is being designed by Clark Dietz. City of Urbana will plan on bidding this project out Spring 2012 with construction to be completed by Fall of 2012. This will include bike lanes and striping.

2. Boneyard Creek Improvements and Broadway Avenue Streetscape – Brad Bennett

Brad Bennett presented. This construction will include a multi use path and bike lanes. Final design plans are due January 2012, bid in March 2012, construction starting Spring 2012 and completed by 2014. This project will create improved pedestrian walkways and bike lanes. Discussion ensued.

3. High Cross Road Bike Path – Brad Bennett

Brad Bennett presented. High Cross Road Bike Path will be a multi use path starting at Windsor Road to Po Boys Restaurant. August 5, 2011 is the bid date - late fall construction, completed June 29, 2012. This is funded through a Grant from the state of Illinois along with a local match.

4. Philo Road Bike Lanes – Brad Bennett

Brad Bennett presented. Philo Road from Pennsylvania Avenue to Washington Street. This project was completed June 2011.

Bicycle Planning Activities

1. Bike to Work and School Day Update – Rebecca Bird

The second annual Bike to Work and School was held on May 3, 2011. We partnered with WILL and that helped spread the word. 44% of the registered bicyclists were from Urbana, 50% were from Champaign and the remainder was from St. Joseph, Rantoul, Savoy and other. Destinations – 54% were biking to Urbana, 45% to Champaign and the remainder was to other locations. We had 10 bike stations throughout the town. Discussion ensued. May 1, 2012 will be the date for next year. Planning will start in February 2012.

2. Bike Repair Station – Rebecca Bird

<http://www.dero.com/products/fixit/> City of Champaign approached the City of Urbana to discuss purchase of bike repair stations. The cost of the bike repair stations is lowered based on the number of orders placed. City of Champaign -2, University of Illinois – 2, MTD – 1, City of Urbana – 1. Placement ideas for Urbana: North side of the parking deck (covered) , south side of the parking deck (covered) , east side of the parking deck near MTD bus plaza, north entrance of Lincoln Square Village (near old post office), Urbana Free Library bike parking, Common Ground food co-op, Farmers Market near bike parking. Discussion ensued on the best location. Main concerns are weather and to put it in a covered spot to protect it from ice and snow and rain. If it was placed inside the parking deck – signage would be nice directing people to the station.

3. Light the Night Event – Rebecca Bird

The Light the Night event will be hosted by CATS along with C-U Safe Routes to School, Bike Project, and Champaign County Bikes. This program will install 800 bike light sets on the front and rear of bicycles. This will be held September 15, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 at the following locations: Corner of Lincoln Avenue and Illinois Street, Wright Street and Green Street and then a possible third location pending more volunteers at County Market 331 Stoughton Street in Champaign. This is a free event and a chance for bicyclist to receive this safety item, pick up bike maps and view a safety video.

V. Old Business

No old business

VI. Announcements

Bike Rodeo on September 17, 2011 9:00-12:00 at the south parking lot at Market at the Square. This is a basic skills event for children.

Walk & Roll to School is October 5, 2011 and is sponsored by CU-SRTS.

Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
This meeting was recorded