

**Minneapolis BAC Minutes**  
**March 30, 2011**  
**4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 101 City of Lakes Building (309 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South)**

Present: Andrew Rankin, Bill Dooley, Billy Binder, Bob Hain, Brian Funk, Ethan Fawley, Georgianna Yantos, Greg Sautter, Greta Alquist, Hokan, Hope Johnson, Janice Gepner, Jennifer Ringold, Jim Skoog, Joshua Houdek, Lisa Bender, Matthew Hendricks, Nick Mason, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Tom Leighton, Don Pflaum, Luke Olson, Joe Reinemann, Chris Budel, Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, David Peterson, Dan MacLaughlin, Dan Brevva, Bob Byers, Shawn Murphy

**Decisions**

1. Agenda and minutes were unanimously approved after a typo was fixed. Our next meeting will be April 27 (not April 25).
2. Andrew Rankin asked for BAC support for a Downtown TMO proposal for a ZAP Bicycle Commuter Trackers and Rewards Program. After discussion (see below), the majority voted to support the proposal with one abstention. BAC Chair Nick Mason and Vice Chair Lisa Bender will write a letter of support to be presented to the City Council.
3. Don Pflaum asked all BAC members to sign up for an “E” subcommittee (see below).
4. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing revisions to the Bike Plan Map suggested by BAC members. We only made it to 2/3 of the suggestions, so the remaining points will be discussed at an Engineering Subcommittee meeting next week. The Secretary will take notes at that meeting and email them to the BAC membership.

**Summaries of Discussions**

1. Dan Brevva presented an update on the Nice Ride system. Seventy-three stations are currently being installed. These include 65 at or near locations used last year plus 8 new stations on the North Side of Minneapolis. They expect to add another 40 or so stations during the spring and summer. Those new sites will include stations in St. Paul along University and Grand Avenues as well as a few at the St. Paul campus of the U of M. They expect to put bikes in place the week of April 11. Nice Ride received a challenge grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and they continue to pursue sources of funding to expand the number of stations. Memberships will be available for a reduced price in April. New maps should be ready next week.
2. Andrew Rankin described a Downtown TMO proposal for an RFID (Radio frequency identification) bike tracking and rewarding system. The purposes of the system would be to provide quality data on how many people are biking to work in downtown Minneapolis and also to reward people for biking to work. The system uses solar powered control boxes and antennas which would be mounted at locations around the edges of downtown. Bicyclists enrolled in the system would put an RFID device on their bike. Users would be rewarded with points redeemable at the Freewheel web store. There were questions about ownership of the data as well as the quality of the data. The TMO will not be asking the city for money, they just need the City Council to give them permits to mount the counters.

3. Don Pflaum presented a proposal for BAC Subcommittees. All BAC members were asked to sign up for an E subcommittee and a signup sheet was sent around. The purpose of subcommittees would be to discuss issues as they come up and bring the summary to the full BAC. Subcommittee meetings would be informal. They could also be an opportunity to engage BAC applicants. Discussion of the proposal was tabled until the end of the meeting, following sign ups, but time ran out.

4. Don Pflaum led a discussion of the comments he received from BAC members on the Bike Plan Map. He will follow up on these suggestions with city staff and present the entire Bike Plan to the BAC at our meeting next month. This discussion took up most of the meeting. We discussed the first 40 out of the 59 comments. The comments were specific suggestions on additions and revisions to planned and existing bike lanes. Since many members could not stay beyond 6 PM, it was agreed to discuss the remaining comments at an Engineering subcommittee meeting next week.

5. There was only time for a few brief announcements.

- Nick Mason attended the National Bike Summit.
- Joshua Houdek. Sierra Club Complete Streets Tour Sat May 7. More detail next month.
- David Peterson. Brought some bike maps. Will have more next month. Bike/walk Week registration: June 4-12.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.