

**Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**April 24, 2013, 4 PM – 6 PM**  
**Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall**

**Members Present:** Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Paul Frenz, Brian Funk, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Shaun Murphy, Jennifer Ringold, Rose Ryan, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Georgianna Yantos

**Members Absent:** Lisa Bender, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley (excused), Roy Hallanger, Matthew Hendricks (excused), Gina Mitteco (excused), Gary Nelson, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius

**Others Present:** Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon

**Actions**

1. Resolution supporting a **Bicycle Safety** Campaign.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis takes a comprehensive approach in its Bicycle Master Plan to being a bicycle friendly city that includes enforcement, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) expressed great interest in participation in a 2013 enforcement campaign that would support the results of the pending city of Minneapolis bicycle crash report, and

Whereas, the bicycle crash report concluded with recommendations including one that drivers look for and see bicyclists, and

Whereas, on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013, when a bicyclist was killed in a crash with a drunk driver and with an investigation and court case pending, MPD made a public statement to the media that framed the public perception and conversation of that crash that suggested the bicyclist might have avoided the crash or its result with lights and a helmet but was not quoted saying anything about the motorist's choice to drive while intoxicated:

Let it be resolved the following:

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly urges the Minneapolis Police Department to follow through on its engagement and create an enforcement campaign around motorists seeing bicyclists.
  2. The MPD should work closely with the Department of Public Works on that campaign and reach out to other community partners including advocates and the friends of the victim who have since raised funds to provide lights to bicyclists who need them.
  3. Furthermore, the BAC strongly urges that MPD officers receive at least annual training on the bicycle rules of the road, bicycle safety, and for those officers who act as department spokespeople, training on public responses to crashes so that if there is no clear fault or investigations are pending, either two-sided advice is given or no advice is given to prevent public misinterpretation of facts surrounding crashes, including blame and fault.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to **thank Hennepin County and Deb Brisk for** sponsoring a great **Cycle Track Workshop** in April.

3. Resolution Regarding **Bicycle Infrastructure on Portland Avenue South** in Minneapolis from 60th Street to Highway 62.

Whereas, Hennepin County Public Works (HCPW) during 2012 was striping bike lanes north from 60th Street on Portland Avenue, and

Whereas, HCPW was requested in July 2012 to continue striping bike lanes from 60th Street to Highway 62, and

Whereas, HCPW indicated in August 2012 that it was interested in making this connection to Richfield but that it needed time to figure out a safe design, to look at options and to discuss this further over the winter, and

Whereas, no further response was received from HCPW, an e-mail was sent to HCPW on April 9, 2013 asking for the status of this matter, and

Whereas, HCPW responded on April 9, 2013 that it had higher priorities and may not have a chance to look at this matter for another month or two,

Now therefore, it is resolved that the Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee has a strong interest in having HCPW design and make the bicycle infrastructure connecting 60th Street to Highway 62 in 2013.

## Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, Hōkan suggested a correction to the March Minutes. A modified Agenda and the corrected March Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee** Report from Marin Byrne

- **Light Safety Campaign** discussion led by Nick – ***ACTION***
  - A cyclist was killed by a drunk driver but the cyclist was blamed for no helmet or light. Many people unhappy that victim was blamed.
  - Friends of the cyclist killed have raised money to distribute lights for bicyclists.
  - Nick proposed a resolution that supports the light safety campaign, cautions not to blame the victim, and supports training on rules of the road.
  - Further discussion of this topic will be on the agenda for the Subcommittee next month.
  - Discussion on whether to postpone resolution until next month after further discussion with the Minneapolis Police Department.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Bike Parking**
  - Topic will be ongoing during the next few Subcommittee meetings.
  - Nick is working with Sandy Colvin Roy's office on a Bike Corral Pilot Program and will bring draft criteria to Subcommittee in May or June.
  - Bike Corrals replace one on street car parking spot with 12 bike parking spots.
  - Discussion on financing Bike Corrals with a cost share program.
  - Subcommittee will also discuss bike parking more generally.
- **Bike Walk Week** Update
  - Nick Ray Olson, the new Bike Walk Week Coordinator, came with an update on events planned.

- Will be June 9-16 this year.
- He talked about longer term planning for Bike Walk Week.

2. **Hennepin County Cycle Track Workshop** took place last Tuesday – ***ACTION***
  - Rose Ryan ran the workshop and asked for feedback from people who attended.
  - Included presentations from experts from around the country as well as group discussions.
  - Topics included design challenges, width standards, and barriers.
  - Many U.S. cities are adding cycle tracks at a fast rate.
  - Joe Bernard proposed a motion to thank Hennepin County for putting on the workshop.
  - The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Rose Ryan.
  
3. **Bicycle Safety Campaign** Update presented by Simon Blenski.
  - Simon passed around photocopies of 4 posters which will be distributed.
  - Purpose is to educate bicyclists and motorists with positive messages based on research from the bike/car crash report.
  - 4 designs: one for each of 4 messages: *Safety Starts With All of Us*, *Ride Predictably*, *Look for Bikes*, and *More Bikes, Safer Streets*
  - Simon thanked the 3E Subcommittee for their input during the design process.
  - Posters will go up at high crash locations, bus shelters, Nice Ride stations.
  - Let Simon know about events where the signs can be posted.
  - Nick applauded Simon and the Bike Section for this positive campaign.
  - Posters will be available after May 6.
  
4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Paul Frenz.
  - **Portland Av S** from 60<sup>th</sup> St to Highway 62 – ***ACTION***
    - Paul presented a resolution asking the County not to postpone the bike lanes.
    - Nick said he will communicate the resolution to County Public Works.
    - The resolution passed unanimously with abstentions from Shaun Murphy and Rose Ryan.
  - **Park Board Presentation** on non-CIP projects.
    - Jennifer Ringold led a discussion of coordination needed to fill bicycle infrastructure gaps.
    - These projects fall between standard maintenance and capital projects.
    - BAC help needed to prioritize these projects.
    - An example is the west end of Franklin Ave Bridge to West River Road.
    - BAC input needed for several Park Board projects and advisory committees.
  
5. **Update on 2013 City Bike Projects** presented by Shaun Murphy.
  - Shaun distributed a simplified map of projects to be completed this year.
  - Map will be shared more widely and put on the city website.
  - Discussion of closed connection between LRT and downtown. If interested in following up, let Shaun or Nick know.
  - 31<sup>st</sup> St W and 54<sup>th</sup> St E are now on the map.

- Mackenzie is working on a pedestrian project on 31<sup>st</sup> St. It will probably have striped bike lanes without removing parking.
  - 54<sup>th</sup> St will probably have sharrows or advisory bike lanes.
6. Upcoming **Bicycle Safety Summit** presented by Shaun.
- Midwest Regional Bicycle Safety Summit planned for Monday at the Commons Hotel.
  - Ray LaHood, Mayor Rybak, Charlie Zelle, & Nick Mason scheduled to speak.
  - Break out panel discussions structured around the "5 E's."
  - Afternoon bike safety expo, rally, and bike ride.
7. **Announcements**
- Rose Ryan: There will be a public Open House on Washington Ave on May 14 from 5-7 pm at the Mill City Museum. More information posted next week. BAC members have been invited to a design charrette next week.
  - Joe Bernard: The yearly City Planning Commission/Capital Long range Improvement Committee (CPC/CLIC) joint public hearing will be on May 9 at 5:05 pm in City Hall. BAC members should come to weigh in on prioritizing CIP projects.
  - Joshua Houdek
    - Park Board returning to Bracket Park next Tuesday.
    - Our memo was delivered to CLIC but we still need to convince CLIC that bicycle project maintenance should be included with other maintenance.
    - There's still time to let your representatives know that the transportation bill should include money for transit, bicycles and pedestrians. Join the Mayor tomorrow in front of City Hall from 4 – 6 pm.
  - Paul Frenz: will be giving a presentation on Bike Safety and Bike Infrastructure on behalf of the Twin Cities Bicycling Club at REI in Bloomington on May 10 at 7 pm.
  - Shaun:
    - Southwest LRT Open House coming up at Bryn Mawr Elementary School on Thursday, May 2 from 6-8 pm. He will forward information to us.
    - The first officially approved 10-5-7 is going in on 24<sup>th</sup> St E (from Bloomington to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave) sometime between August and October. There will be no parking on one side. It was approved by MnDOT. Thanks to Simon for research on Como.
    - Bike lane bills update. They passed the Senate and Representative Kahn will be sponsoring them in the House.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner