

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

Members Present: Lisa Bender, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Matthew Hendricks, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Shaun Murphy, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos, Bob Byers for Rose Ryan, Ginger Cannon for Jennifer Ringold,

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Brian Funk (excused), Roy Hallanger, Jessica Hill, Gary Nelson, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Mark Berg, Jeff Handeland, Forrest Hardy, Ted Kreun, Louis Moore, Scott Shaffer, Mike Strelka, Catherine Windyk

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that the Minneapolis Public Works Department and Minneapolis Health Department work collaboratively on a request for State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funding to incorporate a protected bikeway network into the City's Bicycle Master Plan. The Minneapolis Climate Action Plan that passed the City Council unanimously on June 28th includes a strategy to build a network of 30 miles of new protected bikeways by 2020. The first step in this process is to adopt a protected bikeway plan for Minneapolis roadways that indicates which streets should receive which types of protected bikeways, and to update the Bicycle Master Plan with this information.
This is the perfect time for Public Works and the Health Department to seek these resources. SHIP is set up to fund exactly this sort of impactful policy, systems and environmental change, making funding very accessible. Beginning work on planning our protected bikeway network in 2013 will enable the City to coordinate with the County's planned 2014 update of their bicycle master plan and increase the likelihood that the two plans will support each other, and with the bike planning work being undertaken by the Met Council.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends that Hennepin County use "**Plan 6B**" for **Franklin Avenue Bridge** reconditioning.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee encourages Hennepin County, as a complement to the federal Franklin Avenue bridge rehabilitation project, to facilitate the movement of bicyclists going **westbound from the Franklin Avenue Bridge** to southbound West River Parkway and Seabury Avenue.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis work together on the **intersection of Lyndale Avenue and Minnehaha Creek Trail** to replace the existing curb cuts with a "fan" on both sides of the intersection, and

explore removing the button actuated pedestrian signal or making it ADA accessible. In addition, the Subcommittee supports the Park Board's effort to build a trail under the bridge.

5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee voted to appoint Eric Newman to the **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board** Central Riverfront Regional Park **Citizen Advisory Committee** and Cindy Hillman to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board West River Parkway Citizen Advisory Committee.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda was revised to add a resolution from Robin Garwood. The revised Agenda and June Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **Viking Stadium Presentation** by Jeff Handeland and Kevin Taylor (plus others via phone connection).
 - Jeff presented a slide show of pictures of the planned Vikings Stadium.
 - Features of the stadium include a glass wall facing a large plaza to the west with downtown visible and a clear plastic sun roof.
 - Stadium will be multi-purpose. There are planned configurations for baseball, soccer, motor cross, basketball and other events.
 - Timeline: design development approval in mid-August and construction on the site to begin in October, starting in the northeast corner. Design will continue during construction. Site, parking and other infrastructure have different time line.
 - Existing bike lanes around perimeter of site: Park, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Streets.
 - Proposed new bike lane connection from Park to 11th St: take eastbound bike lane on 6th off the street at Park and have it one way along south end of site.
 - Proposed two-way bike lane along southeast end of stadium split into two one-way bike lanes with westbound lane connecting to S 5th St.
 - Existing bike lanes will remain except for new facility for 6th St.
 - 300 bike racks proposed – similar to Target Field.
 - There will be shower facilities and lockers for (non-athlete) employees.
 - Suggestion that 6th St bike lane be two-way along entire length.
 - Drop off space for cars along south side might create conflict with bicyclists.
 - Suggestion that Ryan speak to BAC about this and other downtown east plans.
 - Request that Jeff come back to Engineering Subcommittee when plans further along.
2. **State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Funding for Protected Bikeways** presented by Robin Garwood – *ACTION*
 - Robin presented a motion that requests that the Health Department include in its request for SHIP funding a study to implement the network of 30 miles of new protected bikeways included in the city's Climate Action Plan.
 - The proposal asks the Health Department to coordinate with Public Works on this.
 - Sarah Stewart said the proposal would need a work plan with deliverables and a time line.

- The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Sarah, Shaun Murphy, and Bob Byers (for Rose).

3. **Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee: Talk by Louis Moore**

- Louis Moore gave a talk about the Major Taylor Bicycling Club (MTBC).
- MTBC was formed in 1999 as a way to promote cycling in the African American community to improve health.
- The group has Wednesday night rides starting on the Midtown Greenway that include all levels of cyclists.
- The group has Thursday night rides for women and youth on the North side.
- The group helps teach people cycling etiquette and to follow the rules of the road.
- They are involved in outreach and other community organizations.
- They emphasize the health benefits of cycling and help people to get started on cycling.
- MTBC is part of the national African American “Brotherhood of Cyclists.”
- MTBC members helped with the League of American Bicyclists Equity Report.
- He gave a little background on Major Taylor, who was a world renowned American cyclist over 100 years ago when cycling was a major sport.
- Outreach to minority communities will continue to be a primary focus of the 3E Subcommittee.
- Louis said we could support him by reaching out to community organizations when we have events.

4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Lisa Bender.

- **Franklin Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River – ACTION**
 - Hennepin County staff presented two great options for bicycle facilities.
 - Lisa presented a motion to support “Plan 6B” which included a physically separated bike lane.
 - Connections to the bridge will be considered in a parallel project.
 - The motion passed with one “No” from Hōkan and abstentions from Bob Hain and Gina Mitteco.
 - Billy Binder commended Hennepin County for their work on this project.
- **Access to Franklin Avenue Bridge – ACTION**
 - Lisa moved that we support the motion from the Subcommittee to complement the bike lanes on the bridge with improved connections to the bridge on the west.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
- **Lyndale Avenue at Minnehaha Creek Trail – ACTION**
 - Paul Frenz raised the issue of the intersection to the Subcommittee.
 - The curb cuts are too narrow, producing a pinch point for cyclists and the light button is too far away from the curb cuts.
 - In the future, the Park Board hopes to build a bicycle trail under the bridge.
 - Lisa presented a motion to ask that the curb cuts be enlarged, the button removed and to support the future bicycle trail.
 - Intersection is heavily used by bicyclists and should be fixed now.

- The resolution was passed unanimously with one abstention from Bob Byers.
 - Bob asked where our resolutions go to at Hennepin County?
 - Should important resolutions be sent with an official letter from our Chair?
- **Citizen Advisory Committee Representatives for Park Board Projects – ACTION**
 - The BAC has been asked to appoint representatives to two Park Board Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs): one for the Central Riverfront Regional Park CAC and another for the West River Parkway CAC.
 - Volunteers were solicited for the former CAC and two applications were received, from Cindy Hillman and Eric Newman.
 - The applications were read aloud and Janice Gepner pointed out that Eric is her husband.
 - Billy moved that we appoint Eric to the Central Riverfront Regional Park CAC and Cindy to the West River Parkway CAC.
 - The motion carried with one abstention from Janice Gepner.
- **Minnehaha Avenue**
 - Recent Public Meetings and next steps were discussed.
 - We will invite the relevant Council Members to discuss this with us at our next Subcommittee meeting.
- **Future Agenda Item – Southwest LRT Discussion** for our next Subcommittee meeting.
5. **August BAC Meeting Bike Ride** presented by Nick Mason
- Our August meeting has traditionally been a committee bike ride.
 - Interest in riding along Kenilworth Trail to check out proposed LRT location.
 - Other sites suggested include: North Minneapolis via Glenwood, new bike boulevard on Emerson N, the 37th Av N Greenway, Penn Av N.
 - Ride must start at City Hall and end there by 6 pm.
6. **Announcements**
- Bob Byers: can show people plans for 44th and Penn Av N after the meeting.
 - Forrest Hardy: Sunday, Aug 4 ceremony and ride to open the Dinkytown Greenway.
 - Georgianna Yantos: Riverfront Festival on Friday, July 26 at 6 pm.
 - Billy Binder: Minneapolis Open Streets event this Sunday on Central Ave.
 - Paul Frenz: Neighborhood group approved advisory bike lanes on 54th St from Portland to Nokomis Pkwy.
 - Shaun Murphy: MinnPost article featured two new planned Bike Boulevards which will have substantial traffic calming: the Southern Bike Connection along 17th Av and 12th Av S from 24th St south to Highway 62 scheduled for this fall, and the Stone Arch Bridge Bike Boulevard leading to the Presidents Bike Boulevard in NE.
 - Nick Mason: Traffic Skills 101 for BAC members still in the works. Easiest way will be to host it through the city and have it be free.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner