

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
4 PM – 6 PM
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Introductions and Sign-in (4:00 – 4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05 – 4:10, see attachment 1)
3. BAC Appointment Update, Nick Mason (4:10 – 4:20)
 - Ward 10
 - Other
4. Diversity Presentation, Marin Byrne (4:20 – 4:50)
5. BAC Annual Update, Nick Mason (4:50 – 5:00)
6. Central Mississippi Riverfront Citizen Advisory Committee, Eric Newman (5:00 – 5:15)
7. Engineering Subcommittee, Paul Frenz (5:15 – 5:45, see attachment 2)
 - Intercity Trail - **ACTION**
 - Project Ideas for the 2015 to 2019 Capital Improvement Program – **ACTION**
 - Bicycle Projects on 2014 Maintenance Projects
 - Complete Streets Policy
8. Announcements (5:45 – 5:50)

Next BAC Meetings (1 week ahead of normal schedule):

Thursday, December 5th: Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, December 10th: Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, December 11th: Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 18th: Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
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Members Present: Richard Anderson, Lisa Bender, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Matthew Hendricks, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Gina Mitteco, Shaun Murphy, Rose Ryan, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Joe Bernard, Brian Funk, Jessica Hill, Nick Mason (excused), Gary Nelson, Jennifer Ringold (excused), Greg Sautter, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius

Others Present: Eric Newman

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee endorses the concept for the Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Project that a pedestrian path should run alongside the bicycle path next to **West River Parkway, north of Portland Avenue**, in addition to the pedestrian path near the river. Ideally, the bicycle and pedestrian paths should be separated by a narrow strip of grass. If space does not allow for separate paths, a combined bicycle/pedestrian path is preferable to no pedestrian path near the road. Such an arrangement is the best way of keeping pedestrians separated from bicyclists and off of the bicycle paths.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the approved plan for **the Intercity Regional Trail** with the hope that the following suggestions be considered:
 - Bollards, signs, or another treatment should be considered near the 5-8 Club to prevent cars from parking on the trail.
 - Bollards or another treatment should be considered at Fat Lorenzo's to prevent cars from cutting the corner.
 - Signs or other warnings should be considered at Edgewater Blvd to encourage cars to look out for bicyclists.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee **recommends that the City of Minneapolis 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program fund** the following in priority order:
 1. North Minneapolis Greenway as our highest priority,
 2. Create a \$750,000 Protected Bikeway Fund to implement projects as prioritized by the soon-to-be-completed Public Works Protected Bikeways Network Plan.
 3. Create a \$250,000 Bike Boulevard Fund, or
 3. Create a Fund for enhancing bicycle safety within the Public Works traffic safety capital fund.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and was chaired by Ciara Schlichting. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda was slightly revised. The revised Agenda and October Minutes were accepted unanimously.

1. **BAC Annual Update** led by Ciara.

- We provide an annual update to the City Council highlighting our accomplishments.
- Should we do this before the end of this year or wait for the new City Council next year?
- Consensus to provide update as soon as possible next year in January or February.
- Roy Hallanger asked about revisiting the Bike Master Plan to make sure our actions are consistent with the goals.
- Discussion of how/when/whether to update the Bike Master Plan.
- Process/plan for updating Bike Master Plan will be discussed at next Engineering Subcommittee meeting on Dec 10.

2. **BAC Appointment Update**

- New member from Ward 10 needed since Lisa Bender will be stepping down from BAC.
- Let your Council Member know if you would like to be reappointed. Get to know new Council Members. Also, some Ward boundaries changed.
- Application process for BAC members will go from January through February for appointment in May.

3. **Central Mississippi Riverfront Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)** Update by Eric Newman – ***ACTION***

- Eric is the BAC representative on the Park Board West River Parkway CAC and the Central Mississippi Riverfront CAC.
- The West River Pkwy CAC met 3 times and its business is now finished.
 - It included bike paths from Franklin Ave to Plymouth Ave.
 - The paths will be repaved with slight changes in layout.
 - Future of plank road in front of Mill City Museum to be determined.
 - Work is funded and will start next summer or fall and continue following year.
- Central Mississippi Riverfront CAC has met 3 times and will continue to meet monthly.
 - Committee priority is a connection between the east side of the Stone Arch Bridge and the Dinkytown Greenway.
 - Eric asked for our input on the plan for a path north of Portland Ave.
 - Current plan is for pedestrian path near river and bike path near road. That places pedestrian path far from bike path.
 - Eric thinks the bike path should include an additional adjacent pedestrian path or else pedestrians will use the bike path. He asked for BAC input.
 - Area is heavily used by pedestrians and joggers.
 - Eric was suggesting a striped pedestrian path next to bike path, but green space between bikes and pedestrians would be preferable, if possible.
 - Joshua Houdek proposed a motion to endorse an additional pedestrian path near the bike path. – ***ACTION***
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Paul Frenz.

- **Intercity Regional Trail – ACTION**
 - The Minneapolis section of the trail goes from the Bloomington Avenue Bridge, along Old Cedar Road, connecting to the bike trail around Lake Nokomis.
 - The subcommittee endorsed the plan with a few suggested revisions.
 - Bollards, signs, or another treatment should be considered near the 5-8 Club to prevent cars from parking on the trail.
 - Bollards or another treatment should be considered at Fat Lorenzo's to prevent cars from cutting the corner.
 - Signs or other warnings should be considered at Edgewater Blvd to encourage cars to look out for bicyclists.
 - Paul presented the motion to support the plan with our suggestions.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **Project Ideas for the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program – ACTION**
 - The subcommittee recommended that our highest priority for funding is the North Minneapolis Greenway and that we also recommend creating a \$750,000 Protected Bikeway Fund to implement projects as prioritized by the soon-to-be-completed Public Works Protected Bikeways Network Plan.
 - Last year we also recommended funding for bicycle safety.
 - It was also pointed out that there is no funding source for Bike Boulevards.
 - Discussion of whether it is better strategy to suggest a general fund or money for specific projects.
 - A motion was made that we suggest the Greenway as highest priority, then the fund for protected bikeways, and then bike safety and \$250,000 for Bike Boulevards with equal priority third.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- **2014 Maintenance Projects on Bike Map.** The discussion was not completed. The subcommittee will report back on this next month.
- **Complete Streets Policy** discussed only briefly. Staff will produce a timeline and process.

5. **Announcements**

- Ethan Fawley: Council Member Colvin Roy postponed discussion of the Minnehaha layout with buffered bike lanes at the Transportation and Public Works subcommittee meeting, citing a Longfellow Community Council resolution asking for protected bike lanes. She wanted to make sure the layout was compatible with an easy conversion to protected bike lanes in the future. Plan now scheduled to be discussed by the subcommittee in December.
- Bob Hain mentioned that Hōkan is now Peter McLaughlin's alternate on the Hennepin County BAC.
- Rose Ryan told us that this would be her last full BAC meeting since she has accepted a new job and will no longer be working for Hennepin County.
- Shaun said there will be a Winter International Cycling Conference in Winnipeg on February 12-13 and asked anyone interested in going to get in touch with him.

- Shaun also passed around “safety” cards that will be sent out with traffic tickets. The one for cyclists says “Ride Predictably” and the one for cars says “Look for Bikes.”
- Paul is chairing a committee that will be producing a Minnesota Bicycle Manual for the state Department of Transportation. Send him input ideas. The impetus is that the manual is needed for Minnesota to improve its Bicycle Friendly State status.
- Gina Mitteco reported that, as part of a grant, MnDOT will be installing permanent counters throughout the state, including one in the pavement at Central and 26th. They are part of a research project that will be determining what type of equipment works best.
- Billy Binder said that state lane width standards were discussed at Monday’s Hennepin County BAC meeting and that we should discuss this as well. The current standards are outdated. We should provide support for change.
- Ethan mentioned that the city submitted a letter of intent for a January application to the Green Lane Project for protected bike lanes on 26th and 28th Streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner