

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 27, 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. Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee, Marin Byrne (4:10 – 4:25)
 - Safety Campaign
 - Target Bike Tour
 - Vice Chair
4. Engineering Subcommittee, Lisa Peterson Bender (4:25 – 4:55)
 - MPRB Projects (10 minutes)
 - MPRB/BAC Process (10 minutes)
 - City Maintenance Projects (10 minutes)
5. 2013 Bike/Pedestrian Section Projects, Shaun Murphy (4:55 – 5:25)
6. National Bike Summit, Paul Frenz (5:25 – 5:30)
7. Update on Bike Law Changes at the Minnesota Legislature, Shaun Murphy (5:30 – 5:40)
8. Dean Parkway Trail Improvement Project, Janice Gepner (5:40 – 5:50)
9. BAC Representative for Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis (5:50 – 5:55)
10. Announcements (5:55 – 6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, April 11th: Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, April 16th: Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 17th: Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 24th: Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
March 27, 2013, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Lisa Bender, Joe Bernard, Billy Binder, Marin Byrne, Bill Dooley, Ethan Fawley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Hōkan, Joshua Houdek, Gina Mitteco, Shaun Murphy, Jennifer Ringold, Rose Ryan, Greg Sautter, Ciara Schlichting, Jim Skoog, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Brian Funk (excused), Bob Hain (excused), Roy Hallanger, Matthew Hendricks (excused), Nick Mason (excused), Gary Nelson, Sarah Stewart

Others Present: Amy Brugh, Ginger Cannon

Actions

1. Hōkan was appointed Vice Chair of the Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee.
2. Ethan Fawley was appointed as BAC representative to the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis group.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm and chaired by Ciara Schlichting. Following brief member introductions, the Agenda and the February Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement Subcommittee** Report from Marin Byrne
 - **Safety Campaign** is nearly completed and should be done by April.
 - **Target Bike Tour** arranged by Andy Rankin.
 - Very impressive facilities
 - Facilities help persuade job candidates to move here.
 - **Subcommittee Vice Chair** needed
 - Andy Rankin is no longer on the BAC, so Marin moved up from Subcommittee Vice Chair to Chair.
 - Hōkan was unanimously endorsed as new Vice Chair of this Subcommittee.
2. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report from Lisa Bender
 - **Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Projects and Process**
 - Jennifer Ringold highlighted bike-relevant CIP (Capital Improvement Program) projects planned for 2013-2018. Document available on the web.
 - Robin and Jennifer will write up a process for BAC input into Park Board projects.

- Non-CIP projects will be discussed at next month's subcommittee meeting.
 - Park Board has a specified community engagement process.
 - **City Maintenance Projects**
 - Ongoing effort to implement Bike Master Plan during city maintenance projects.
 - Public Works staff selected three of the six projects we prioritized.
 - Inclusion of projects is limited by resources.
3. **2013 Bike/Pedestrian Projects** presented by Shaun Murphy
 - Bike/Pedestrian office now has funding for staff and projects from the city general fund.
 - Shaun distributed a map that shows many of the bike projects planned for 2013, and he described the projects.
 - Feedback was invited on the format of the map, so that a final version can be shared. Ciara asked Shaun to share details with the BAC in spread sheet form.
 - Janice asked Shaun to put map and spread sheet on website when available.
 - Should Bike/Ped office have to design all bike/ped projects?
 - Bike Plan was approved. How is it being implemented?
 4. **National Bike Summit** report from Paul Frenz
 - Group from Minnesota included 18-20 people.
 - Theme was "Bicycling Means Business" since no bills up this year.
 - Overall attendance down to around 700 from 900 last year.
 - Lots of congressional offices closed since big snow storm expected.
 - Congressmen & Senators were asked to participate in a bike ride this summer.
 5. **Update on Bike Law Changes at the MN Legislature** presented by Shaun Murphy. Both bills made it out of their Transportation committees and are part of omnibus bills.
 6. **Dean Parkway Trail Improvement Project** update from Janice Gepner. Janice described the plan, approved by the Park Board, to improve the bike and pedestrian trails along Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake Parkway.
 7. **BAC Representative for Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis**. Andrew had been our representative but is no longer on the BAC. Ethan Fawley volunteered and was unanimously approved.
 8. Announcements
 - Robin said public hearing regarding electric assist pedicabs hasn't happened yet.
 - Robin said 4th St SE plan may be revised as a result of public input.
 - Jennifer urged us to be informed and involved in planning for LRT Stations.
 - Joshua encouraged us to contact legislators regarding the Transit for a Stronger Economy legislation. There is also a Tuesday night phone bank.
 - Ethan provided an update on Open Streets events this summer. The first one is June 23 on Lyndale Av S. Announcements coming for Central Av in late July and Minnehaha in early August. Event on Lowry Av N will again be in September as part of Harvest Fest.

- Gina reported that the Met Council and MnDOT are working on a 7 County Master Plan defining regionally significant bicycle corridors. Focus groups are being formed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

DRAFT Resolution for BAC

RE: Enforcement and bicycle motor vehicle crashes:

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 of the 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 30th 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 driver's choice to drive while intoxicated:

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. 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. 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.