

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Bill Dooley, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Roy Hallanger, Matthew Hendricks, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Nick Mason, Gina Mitteco, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Elissa Schufman, Scott Snelling, Lindsey Wallace

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Sgt. Tom Campbell, Ginger Cannon, Steve Elmer (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Greg Sautter, Sarah Stewart (excused), Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Others Present: Janice Gepner, Hōkan, Craig McCann, Kurt Wayne

Actions

1. The Minneapolis **Bicycle Advisory Committee** chose the following slate of **Officers** for 2016-2018: Nick Mason, Chair; Paul Frenz, Vice Chair; Janice Gepner, Secretary; Ciara Schlichting, Engineering Subcommittee Chair; Scott Snelling, Engineering Subcommittee Vice Chair; Roy Hallanger, 5E Subcommittee Chair; Juana Sandoval, 5E Subcommittee Vice Chair.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the six **Hennepin County Regional Solicitation Projects** as presented.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the six **City of Minneapolis Regional Solicitation Projects** with the following amendments:
 - Extend 36th Street West two blocks to the east to connect to Bryant Avenue South.
 - Support a curb protected bikeway option on 37th Avenue NE.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee strongly supports **improvements to pedestrian and transit facilities on Eighth Street South** in downtown Minneapolis. The BAC recognizes that this means no dedicated bicycle facilities will be constructed on Eighth Street or its one-way pair, Seventh Street. These streets are not called out for bicycle facilities in the Bicycle Master Plan or the Protected Bikeways Plan.

The BAC regards this prioritization of pedestrian and transit facilities on Eighth Street as consistent with the City's recently-adopted Complete Streets policy, as long as the need for high-quality east-west bike routes through the heart of downtown is met on other parallel streets. Just as the lack of dedicated bike lanes on Marquette and Second Avenues necessitated the creation of high-quality parallel bike routes through downtown (Third Avenue and Hennepin Avenue), the lack of dedicated bike facilities on Seventh and Eighth Streets underscores the need for east-west bike routes such as the planned protected bikeways on Ninth and Tenth Streets.

The BAC recognizes that good transit service and good pedestrian facilities are essential to building a more bicycle-friendly city. Most people who use bicycles also ride transit at times, and all of us walk. Improvements to the speed and reliability of transit service are beneficial to people who bike. It is possible to build overlapping networks in downtown for the priority modes (people who walk, people who bike, and people on transit) that, while they do not serve every mode on every street, meet the needs of all users. The BAC supports that goal.

5. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the layout concept for **42nd Avenue North** as shown.
6. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests City staff to look into **extending the bicycle lanes on 3rd Avenue South** downtown in both directions. We are asking staff to look into what it would take to extend them north into Southeast Minneapolis and south across I-94 to South Minneapolis, and to bring their findings to the BAC Engineering Subcommittee.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and chaired by Nick Mason. The Agenda was amended to include discussion of the new Public Works Director and 3rd Avenue South and was unanimously approved.

1. **Introductions**

- Kurt Wayne, the new Transportation Planner in the Bicycle/Pedestrian Section, introduced himself.
- BAC Members briefly introduced themselves.
- Matthew took notes as people described one thing they hoped the BAC could accomplish in the next year.

2. **BAC Officer Elections** led by Robin Garwood – ***ACTION***

- Each previous office holder described their responsibilities.
 - Nick: BAC Chair: Chairs meetings. facilitates and plans meetings and other activities. Attends extra meetings and makes phone calls. Communicates many of our resolutions.
 - Paul Frenz: Vice Chair: chairs meeting when Chair unavailable. Joins monthly agenda setting meeting along with other Officers. Acts as backup Secretary.
 - Janice Gepner: Secretary: records Minutes at all monthly full BAC meetings, and keeps attendance and other records.
 - Ciara Schlichting: Engineering Subcommittee Chair: runs Engineering Subcommittee meetings and works on setting Subcommittee meeting Agendas. Distills the 2-hour Subcommittee meeting to a 15-minute report at the full BAC meeting. Makes sure someone takes notes at the Subcommittee meeting.

- Juana Sandoval: Engineering Subcommittee Vice Chair: takes notes at the Subcommittee meeting, especially recording motions. Chairs Subcommittee if Chair absent.
- Roy Hallanger: 5E Subcommittee Chair: Chairs 5E Subcommittee and works on setting its Agenda. This Subcommittee's role is more long range and covers a wide variety of noninfrastructure topics.
- 5E Subcommittee Vice Chair: takes notes at Subcommittee meetings, if needed, and chairs if Chair is absent.
- Robin Garwood accepted nominations for each office position.
 - Scott Snelling nominated Nick Mason for Chair.
 - Nick Mason nominated Paul Frenz for Vice Chair.
 - Lindsey Wallace nominated Janice Gepner for Secretary.
 - Paul pointed out that according to the bylaws, the Secretary does not have to be a BAC member. Janice is no longer a BAC member.
 - Roy Hallanger nominated Ciara Schlichting for Engineering Subcommittee Chair.
 - Nick nominated Scott Snelling as Engineering Subcommittee Vice Chair.
 - Lindsey nominated Roy Hallanger as 5E Subcommittee Chair.
 - Juana Sandoval was nominated as 5E Subcommittee Vice Chair.
 - The slate of officers passed unanimously.

3. **5E's Subcommittee** Report presented by Roy Hallanger

- **Open Streets – Behind the Big Wheel**
 - Behind the Big Wheel has been a successful Education event at Open Streets.
 - They will be at 3 Events: U of M (Oct 1), E Lake St (July 24) and Broadway (Sept 10).
 - Volunteers are needed to help, so a sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - Big Wheels at past events have included a Hennepin County snow plow, a city dump truck, Metro Transit and/or school bus, semi from MN Trucking Assoc.
 - People climb on the Big Wheel and see limited visibility of bikes.
- **Strategic Planning**
 - Ciara led us in a Strategic Planning exercise in 2014.
 - Matthew D. provided a handout with the results from 2014.
 - We will do an update in July or Sept.
- **Open Streets Update** led by Matthew Dyr Dahl.
 - In December, city made them official city events and charged staff with taking more responsibility for the program.
 - The city is working with Alta Design to document the process.
 - There will be an open call for an event organizer, such as the Coalition.
 - After organizer is chosen, there will be a call for neighborhoods to apply as routes.

4. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Ciara Schlichting – ***ACTIONS***

- Background: every couple of years, local governments can apply for federal money provided to the state for specific projects. Hennepin County and the City presented their bike related proposals to the Subcommittee.

- **Hennepin County Regional Solicitation Projects – ACTION**
 - Kelley Yemen presented 6 projects to the Subcommittee.
 - Marshall St NE: full scale reconstruction.
 - 44th/Weber/Lyndale: 4 to 3 conversion to make room for a bike facility.
 - CSAH 81 Bridge: add a multi-use path, available for future connections.
 - Portland Ave S across the Crosstown: widening sidewalk to make it shared use.
 - West Lake St & Excelsior Blvd: mostly pedestrian improvements to make crossing safer.
 - W 46th St: ADA ramp improvements and 4 to 3 conversion to make bike lanes.
 - If they get funding they will return to Subcommittee as designs develop.
 - Ciara’s motion to support the projects as presented was passed unanimously with one abstention from Gina Mitteco.
- **City of Minneapolis Regional Solicitation Projects – ACTION**
 - 6 projects presented.
 - Major reconstruction of Hennepin Avenue downtown to include protected bikeways, sidewalks, transit.
 - 37th Ave NE: joint project with Hennepin County, Anoka County, and Columbia Heights to include a protected bikeway.
 - Several bikeway options presented.
 - Curb protected? Which side? One 2-way or two 1-way bike lanes?
 - Subcommittee supported any curb-protected bikeway option over paint or bollards.
 - Nicollet Ave Bridge over Minnehaha Creek: improvements. No bike facility.
 - Prospect Park Trail: discussed in the past.
 - Queen Avenue Bike Blvd.
 - West 36th Street
 - Existing bike facility is temporary and ends 2 blocks before Bryant at Dupont.
 - Application includes making bike facility more permanent.
 - Subcommittee supported extension to Bryant.
 - Ciara presented a motion to support all 6 projects with 2 suggested amendments.
 - Motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Gina.
- **8th Street Reconstruction – ACTION**
 - Full scale reconstruction of downtown section.
 - Improvements suggested for pedestrian and transit users.
 - Not on Bike Plan and no proposed bicycle facilities.
 - Robin Garwood presented a motion to support the pedestrian and transit improvements, while emphasizing that we are not proposing a bicycle facility.
 - The motion was unanimously approved with an abstention from Juana Sandoval.
- **42nd Avenue North – ACTION**
 - Full reconstruction which includes buffered bike lanes.
 - Since last presented to the BAC, buffer was widened and more green space.
 - There is a 2-block section with sharrows; subcommittee would like bike lane extended through this section in the future, if possible.
 - The motion presented by Ciara to support the project as shown was passed unanimously.

5. **New Public Works Director** led by Nick Mason
 - Nick handed out a press release announcing that Robin Hutcheson is the Mayor's choice for Director of Public Works.
 - Robin previously oversaw innovative projects in Salt Lake City.
 - Formal public hearing at Transportation and Public Works (TPW) on July 12.

6. **3rd Avenue South Bicycle Lanes** led by Matthew Hendricks
 - 3rd Ave S bike lanes would be more useful if extended further north and south.
 - Extending them northward over the Mississippi River could provide better bike access to downtown from SE.
 - Extending them southward over I-94 would also improve access to downtown.
 - Making the bike lanes more useful would impact their success.
 - Matthew presented a motion to ask City staff to explore what it would take to extend the bike lanes further in both directions.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Announcements**
 - Nick Mason: He brought the BAC Annual Report to TPW on June 7th at the same time the PAC Chair presented their report. It was well received. Speeches are online.
 - Juana Sandoval: She is attending Comprehensive Plan Research Group meetings as the BAC representative on the Transportation Research Team.. So far looking at overall framework and goals. Bicycling will be discussed in a couple of months.
 - Robin Garwood: is also attending the Comp Plan Research Group meetings on the Health Research Team.
 - Robin: Ginger Cannon has left the Park Board so we will have a new BAC member from PB staff.
 - Robin: Hennepin layout was approved unanimously by the Council. We should discuss having bicyclists be able to carry their bicycle bags into places downtown.
 - Robin: A house on Franklin that will lose its parking for the bike lane is seeking reasonable variances at a meeting tomorrow.
 - Chris Linde: Downtown Master Plan is now out for comments.
 - Paul Frenz: brought up the importance of having a law enforcement rep on the BAC.
 - Ciara Schlichting: MnDOT is planning the next US Bicycle Route in Minnesota, connecting our Capital to the North Shore. Comments close tomorrow.
 - Nick: The BAC has spent over 1100 hours and 57 actions in the past year.

8. **New Member Mentorship** led by Nick Mason
 - Nick asked for volunteers to mentor our new BAC Members.
 - Juana, Ciara, Bill, Paul, Chris, Robin and Matthew volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.