

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Bill Dooley, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Jordan Kocak, Chris Linde, Hilary Lovelace, Tyler Pederson, Ann Postera, Juana Sandoval, Greg Sautter, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Jenny Bordon, Steve Elmer, Matthew Hendricks (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Nick Mason (excused), Nathan Pentz (excused), Scott Snelling, Elissa Schufman

Others Present: Ethan Fawley, Millicent Flowers, Kathleen Mayell

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee commends Public Works and other City departments for moving forward with a **Vision Zero** commitment for Minneapolis, calls on the City's leadership to adopt this commitment, and looks forward to providing more feedback as the process to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan continues.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the overall **Water Works Park Project**. The gate on the Woonerf connection is unacceptable. Maintaining a ramp between 5th Avenue and 1st Street is desirable and essential if the Woonerf is gated off. Filling the sidewalk gap on the North side of First Street is desirable. Traffic calming, crosswalk paint, and raised table-top crossings are desirable.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee is disappointed with the proposed new visual and physical obstructions to the Cedar Lake Trail in the **Southwest Light Rail Project**. This will affect the natural beauty of the area. The Bicycle Advisory Committee is disappointed with the Met Council's process, which lacked any opportunity for public engagement.
4. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports the **Industrial Boulevard at I-35W Project** and requests future consideration for connecting the South terminus of the new trail to Broadway and possible future connections to Diagonal trail.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm sharp and was chaired by Paul Frenz. The Agenda and July Minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **Vision Zero** presented by Kathleen Mayell, Minneapolis Public Works – **ACTION**
 - Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all fatalities and severe injuries from traffic accidents.

- Cities sign on by making a commitment to reach that goal within a specified time frame.
- Deaths and severe injuries from traffic accidents are largely preventable.
- Successful strategies include lowering speed limits, redesigning streets, behavior change campaigns, and enforcement.
- The focus is on vulnerable users who are represented disproportionately in severe injuries and death.
- The approach is multidisciplinary, involving many City departments and partners.
- A commitment to Vision Zero builds on the City's Complete Streets policy.
- Several US cities have committed to Vision Zero including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Cambridge, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.
- It is expected that the Minneapolis City Council will commit this fall to Vision Zero within 10 years.
- Next steps after commitment will be developing and adopting an action plan this winter, and then implementation.
- The BAC can participate by reviewing projects and plans.
- Robin presented a motion to support the City's commitment to Vision Zero and state the BAC's interest in further involvement.
- The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Juana.

2. **Engineering Subcommittee** Report presented by Chris Linde – ***ACTIONS***

- **Water Works Park Project – ACTION**
 - This involves bicycle access from 2nd St to the river.
 - Plan will close the gate during non-park-use hours, closing bike access.
 - Tyler explained there are stipulations on public use of private property.
 - Robin said closing the only available access is unacceptable.
 - Chris presented a motion explaining our position.
 - A slightly revised motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Tyler.
- **Southwest Light Rail Project – ACTION**
 - Peter said it's important to send a message to the Met Council that we should be consulted on projects affecting bicycle trails.
 - Chris presented a motion expressing our disappointment with the Met Council's process.
 - Peter suggested slight revisions on the wording of the motion.
 - The revised motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Juana and Hilary.
- **Industrial Boulevard at I-35W Project – ACTION**
 - A gap in the Grand Rounds was identified.
 - This project is only at 30%, so it's likely to come back to the BAC later.
 - Chris presented a motion to support the project and to ask for future input.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Annual BAC Bike Ride** led by Matthew Dyrdaahl; theme: Minneapolis Greenways.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm. We met at Hennepin County Plaza for the Bike Ride.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner