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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019
6:15 PM

2nd Floor Clerk's Conference Room of City Hall

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board
CALL TO ORDER

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board Meeting for Thursday, January 17, 2019 was called to order at 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:
• Rene Craig, member
• Josh Harris, member
• Antonio Cerda, member
• Mary Jane Cross, member
• Charlie Zine, member
• Doug Johnson, member
• Ed Barsotti, Chair
• Rene Craig was welcomed to be part of the committee

OTHERS PRESENT

• Jeff Palmquist, Sr. Director of Planning, Research and Grants, Fox Valley Park District
• Ryan Peterson, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Kane County Division of Transportation
From staff representation:
• Bob Greene, City Traffic Engineer, City of Aurora
• Roopa Anjanappa, Project Engineer, City of Aurora
• Alex Minnella, Planner, City of Aurora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion for approval of the minutes from the October 18, 2018 of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Committee was made by Charlie Zine and seconded by Mary Jane Cross.

This Minutes was approved and filed

A motion for approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2019 of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Committee was made by Josh Harris and Seconded by Charlie Zine.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Temporary bike infrastructure, Bike Week 2019 (May 13-17)

Ryan Peterson discussed the PowerPoint presentation that outlines various temporary bike infrastructure that can be considered for Bike Week 2019. These items include:

a. Temporary Bicycle Lanes that may include the use of planters
b. Temporary Wayfinding Signage
c. Temporary Artistic Sidewalk
d. Temporary Alley Space – convert for use for pedestrian gatherings

e. Temporary Parklet – Small park adjacent to the sidewalk\parkway. This can be used in front of restaurants.

f. Temporary Street Closure

g. Temporary Café Seating – Alex noted that the City has an ordinance for outdoor dining on the sidewalk.

1. Potential Temporary Infrastructure Locations

a. Josh said that it could be done on a first Friday in downtown locations including New York Street from the Fox River to the Casino, Galena Boulevard from River Street to Broadway Street, Downer from River to Stolp and by SciTech.

b. Charlie said New York Street in front of the Ballydoyle’s, Gillebrand’s and Enduro Coffee is another good location. He has talked to the restaurant owners and they are open to eliminating parking in front of their restaurants. It could be used for bike parking or a temporary parklet.

c. Doug mentioned that the use of temporary parklets could be used as a gauge for permanent use.

d. Ryan Peterson said that there he anticipates 3-5 communities to participate in Bike Week including the City of Batavia.

e. Temporary Bike Lanes could also be considered on River Street.

f. Bob Greene noted that New York Street is one-way and could be an issue for temporary bike lanes (bicyclists would travel in both directions). He also noted that the traffic signals at Broadway Street (IL 25) and Lake Street (IL 31) are controlled by IDOT and may be more difficult to consider the use of a temporary bike lane.

g. The use of barrels such as those used in construction could be used in lieu of planters. Mary inquired if it the barrels could be painted to make it more interesting in lieu of the orange barrels.

h. Rene mentioned that providing temporary wayfinding signage will be important as part of the measures for a temporary bike lane.

i. Charlie mentioned that River Street between New York to the Fox River Trail could be considered for temporary bike lanes.

j. It was noted if painted temporary bike lanes or protected bike lanes should be considered. Charlie said painted lanes may be easier.

k. Tony mentioned another idea to create a temporary bike lane by moving parking inwards (towards the center of the road) and provided a temporary bike lane between the curb and the parking.

l. Alex mentioned that the improvements at the Metra downtown station will not commence until 2020. Two bike shelters are being proposed. The City is looking to pursue CMAQ funding for this improvement.

m. Rene mentioned another potential location along Kensington Place as three schools along this roadway with
Station Boulevard ideas discussion

Station Boulevard was discussed based on the Route 59 Study. The Study showed that Waubonsie Creek will be daylighted. It is currently enclosed under the Fox Valley Mall.

Member Doug mentioned that Station Boulevard north of Liberty Street is not a comfortable road to ride on even for an experienced cyclist. It was mentioned that the sidewalk on the west side of Station Boulevard could be widened to 10’ to accommodate bicyclists. Alex Minnella noted that the Route 59 Study is a 20 year plan.

Staff reports

Engineering noted that the Edgelawn project has completed Phase I and has received IDOT approval. The next step is to select a consultant to perform Phase II engineering.

The Montgomery Road project from Waubonsie Creek to Middlebury is anticipated to begin in April/May.

The project at the downtown Metra station is in Phase I.

An update was also provided on the access easement near the McDonalds on IL 31 for use as a potential access to the Fox River Trail. The project is being discussed with legal.

Other member initiatives
PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ed noted that supported is needed from the Mayor for the potential Bike projects discussed at the December meeting. Chairman Barsorri provided an update on his project in expanding the Bike Safety Quiz. Metea Valley and Waubonsie Valley High School are participating in taking the Bike Safety Quiz.

Member Zine noted that he has been approved to be on the Fox Walk Committee.

Doug talked about the Bike Park idea and mentioned an example that is occurring in Tulsa that has outdoor activities and cafes. A potential location is along the Fox River Trail.

Member Josh talked about what he learned about mobility at the ITE Conference including the use of scooters.

Ryan Peterson has a contact for scooters that can offer trails. He mentioned that the scooters are electric push and can go at speed of 10-15 mph.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board meeting will be held on February 21, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was moved by member Zine and seconded by member Cerda. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

This was adjourned

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