



# City of Aurora

## Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday

January 19, 2023

6:00 PM

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#### ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Doug Johnson, Chair
- Rene Craig, member
- Margaret Stokes, member
- Charlie Zine, member

The following members were absent:

- Antonio Cerda, Secretary
- Mary Jane Cross, member
- Josh Harris, Vice Chair

#### OTHERS PRESENT

- Kaci Crowley, Regional Planning Liaison, Kane Kendall County Council of Mayors
- Dave Peterson, member of public

#### STAFF PRESENT

- Roopa Anjanappa, Civil Engineer, City of Aurora
- Alex Minnella, Senior Planner, City of Aurora

#### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Member Zine motioned and Craig seconded the approval of the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Consideration of the July 19, 2022 and October 20, 2022 meeting minutes were deferred.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dave Peterson indicated he was there to observe and had no comments.

## AGENDA

- Bike Map Updates

The board extended its internal deadline for the group to review maps and note gaps, bikeways, destinations, and bike racks.

- Bike Plan Update

No update from the City of Aurora was available, but the board received updates from Crowley on bike plan progress at the county level. A draft plan will be open for public comment soon. The group discussed how e-bikes were addressed in the county plan, suggesting that this should be a topic of discussion between the county and the Fox Valley Park District. The group also explored what neighboring communities do and noted some evolving trail connections.

- Elections

The group briefly discussed the status of board member terms, reviewed the rules regarding membership and a quorum, voted on officers, and addressed how to fill the new vacancy.

Member Zine moved that Johnson continues as chair, Harris continues as vice chair, and Craig serves as secretary. Stokes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 2023 Initiatives

The group reviewed a wide range of ideas and initiatives for 2023, including website updates, connecting with neighboring communities, establishing the consistent presence of a bike corral at city events, covered bike racks at the transportation center, considering the use of social media to encourage biking and walking in Aurora, establish regular rides using trail ambassadors or novel challenges, installing standardized bike etiquette signs, polling bike shops to see how they are educating people about the rules of the road.

- Bike Week

The board discussed Bike Week, May 15-19, and indicated a desire to celebrate it this year. It was suggested that one day of the celebration correspond with the farmer's market.

- Green Fest

The group agreed that this board should host a table at Green Fest on May 13. All members agreed to participate. Anjanappa suggested photographs of the board interacting with the community would be helpful for the next application for a Bicycle Friendly Community.

- Staff Updates

There were no staff updates. The group was updated on when new developments were asked to include sidewalks, bike paths, connections to bikeways, and EV charging stations in their plans. The board learned about upcoming improvements on Broadway and discussed problematic telephone poles and plowing.

- Kane County updates

Crowley thanked the group for participating in the county public feedback session on its revised bike plan and summarized where the county is in the process, as well as the status of the Fox Valley bike share program (still narrowing down vendors) and Vision Zero meeting at the Kane County Forest Preserve (open to anyone in person on Feb. 2 at 2:00 pm, Kane County Forest Preserve, Fox Valley Ice Arena on Kirk Road in Geneva).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Member Zine motioned and Craig seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:18 pm. The motion passed unanimously.