



# City of Aurora

## Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday

February 16, 2023

6:00 PM

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The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board Meeting for Thursday, February 16, 2023, was called to order at 6:03 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

- Doug Johnson, Chair
- Josh Harris, Vice Chair
- Rene Craig, Secretary
- Mary Jane Cross, member
- Margaret Stokes, member

The following members were absent:

- Charlie Zine

#### OTHERS PRESENT

- Kaci Crowley, Regional Planning Liaison, Kane Kendall County Council of Mayors
- Jeff Palmquist, Fox Valley Park District
- Dave Peterson, member of public

#### STAFF PRESENT

- Roopa Anjanappa, Civil Engineer, City of Aurora

#### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Member Stokes motioned and Craig seconded the approval of the January 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously. Consideration of the July 19, 2022, and October 20, 2022, meeting minutes were deferred.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Peterson showed the board an example of the sign he designed promoting cycling etiquette and a related cycling challenge that was used on Batavia trails. The group discussed where such signs could be posted and referred the matter to the chair and Fox Valley Park District representative for potential development.

## AGENDA

- Advocacy

The group discussed ideas for Green Fest (May 13) and Bike Week (May 15-21), including trail rides and tours, bike share options, and potential coordination with other City of Aurora events.

- Bike Map Updates

Board members continued to keep the markup of an Aurora bike map on the radar. The group was encouraged to add detail to the collective categorization of bicycle and pedestrian assets and gaps in the Aurora community before the next meeting.

- Future meeting dates and location

Staff updated the board regarding meeting space and discussed possible alternatives. Previous space has become unavailable due to ongoing construction and expansion of other community groups. The group agreed to keep the current meeting date for now while examining temporary longer-term location alternatives.

- Education updates

Craig updated the group on forthcoming bicycle education efforts in District 129 Kindergarten classes. The group discussed Safe Routes to School efforts as well as ideas to promote safe crossings that include buckets and flags, as set up in downtown Oswego.

- Staff updates

Palmquist requested an update on the Phillips Park Master Plan, specifically regarding a better route through the park to connect Waubonsie Creek Trail to the Gilman Trail. The group discussed various federal transportation spending efforts as well as the Park District's modest but impactful plans for the coming year. Palmquist solicited the group's feedback on good potential restroom locations.

- Kane County updates

Crowley updated the group on the status of the draft bike plan and encouraged the group to participate in the next public comment phase, tentatively scheduled for late April or early May. She also summarized other public outreach efforts. The group discussed the status and statistics of Aurora's bike share program, kickoff for a Safe Routes to School grant, and Illinois Prairie Path/Great Western Trail cleanup scheduled for April 29.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## ADJOURNMENT

Member Stokes motioned and Cross seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:57 pm. The motion passed unanimously.