



City of Aurora

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday

March 16, 2023

6:00 PM

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board Meeting for Thursday, March 16, 2023, was called to order at 6:10 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
- Charlie Zine, member

OTHERS PRESENT

- Kaci Crowley, Regional Planning Liaison, Kane Kendall County Council of Mayors

STAFF PRESENT

- Alex Minnella, Senior Planner, City of Aurora

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Member Cross moved and Harris seconded a motion to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Cross moved and Zine seconded a motion to approve the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

AGENDA

• Water Main / Lead pipe updates

A citywide inventory of water service lines is taking place through April. A replacement program is still in the planning phases. However, the group considered this project as an opportunity to expand bike facilities and brainstormed ideas, including protected lanes, curb bump outs, sidewalk size, stylized fencing incorporated into sidewalk protections, joining broken segments of the trail through downtown, and how to tie considerations to Safe Routes programs.

• **Bike Map Updates**

The Board was encouraged to forward bike map considerations and updates to group working on Aurora's updated bike plan, as they are in the very beginning stages of data collection. The Board was also encouraged to participate actively in the process, including strong and repeated specific suggestions on how to make downtown Aurora more walkable and bikeable.

• **Green Fest / Advocacy**

Members of the group shared information about various events scheduled for May and June, including a bike safety event on June 10 and other scheduled rides. The group discussed other ways to encourage people to ride their bikes more, including etiquette signs, simulators, tables at Metra stations, Ride Illinois tests, or a community ride.

• **Staff updates**

Minnella updated the board regarding the City's bike plan: a consultant is about to be contracted and is in the process of collecting data, building the skeleton of the plan, and understanding how the website should work to promote bike ability in Aurora. Board members discussed the construction of apartment buildings near downtown and emphasized that the bike trail and sidewalk near the site should not be closed on the same day. Board members also noted issues with sealant on the new pedestrian bridge.

• **Park District updates**

No members of the Park District were present to comment.

• **Kane County updates**

Crowley noted an upcoming bike to work event for staff, a County presence featuring bike week at the May 5 food truck festival, and a May 11 meeting about the County's ongoing updates to its bike plan. The group briefly discussed the status of Aurora's bike share program with Koloni.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Zine moved and Cross seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:23 pm. The motion passed unanimously.