City of Aurora

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 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, April 18, 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

OTHERS PRESENT

In the Audience the following were present:
• Rick Mervine, Alderman of Ward 8
• Ryan Peterson, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Kane County Division of Transportation

For staff representation the following were present:
• 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 was made by Charlie Zine and seconded by Rene Craig. The meeting minutes of the March 21, 2019 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Committee minutes were approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Staff Updates

Roopa Anjanappa provided an ownership jurisdiction list for areas where improvements to aid in determining who to coordinate with for the improvements such as the Fox Valley Park District.

Bike Week

1. Staff provided an exhibit in which they showed the temporary bike lane on River Street between Downer Place and Spruce Street.
2. Two parking spaces are to be blocked off during Bike Week on each side of New York Avenue. Josh Harris recommended that all spaces to be blocked off
should be on the north side.
3. Alex Minnella noted that a Facebook page is being set up for the Committee.
4. A public release will be issued for Bike Week.
5. Alex Minnella suggested teaming with the Sustainable Aurora Committee.

Spot Improvements

Staff provided updates on spot improvements including Frontenac, McCoy and Spinnaker Drive (near a park) ADA improvements and Elwood Safe Route to Schools.

Edgelawn Drive Bikeway Project

CMAQ funding for the Edgelawn project has been approved for $289,000. Staff noted a slight design change as part of the CMAQ application. Sharrows are proposed on the west side with a bike lane provided on the east side from Prairie to the Country Club.

Member Initiatives

1. Ed Barsotti noted that the Farnsworth Avenue crossing at the Illinois Prairie Path is part of the Safe Routes to Schools program.
2. Ed Barsotti noted that the HSIP program will have applications available sometime before July for funding starting in the fall of 2019.

Illinois 31 crossings

1. The Phase II improvements on Montgomery Road will begin in earnest this spring.
2. Phase III improvements on Montgomery Road will be the responsibility of the Fox Valley Park District. A frisbee golf course may be added near Montgomery and Middlebury.
3. The Alderman noted that he did not run for alderman and that new Alderman has agreed to continue his initiatives.
4. Doug suggested accommodating bicycles on Frontenac between Montgomery Road and Ogden Avenue. Due to the speed of traffic, an off-road location is preferred. One idea was to widen the sidewalk to 8 feet.

It was noted that there was a fatal accident at the intersection of IL 31 and Plum Street. A call for ideas to improve the intersection was made.

Active Mobility Options: e-bike, e-scooter

Bike Lane proposal: Frontenac between Montgomery Rd and Ogden Ave.

Bicycle Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board Webpage

The Committee was asked to review its webpage and provide comments for the next meeting.
PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Rene Craig and Mary Jane Cross have met with District 129 and provided information. She mentioned a Thinkfirst program that is affiliated with Northwestern.
2. Rene Craig mentioned that District 131 needs funds for bike helmets for first graders.
3. Doug Johnson provided an update on the pump track. He is working on a location at this time.
4. Charlie Zine suggested a bike corral near the new bicycle bridge over the Fox River. He is working development of a bike route through downtown along the Fox River and Water Street.
5. Josh Harris provided an update on Bike Week. A suggestion was made that a table can be set up with water and refreshments as one way for the local businesses to assist in participating in Bike Week. Another idea is that local businesses can offer discounts to those participating in Bike Week. Alderman Mervine suggested that the Police Department can assist with bicycle registrations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FHWA/IDOT/CMAP Transportation Funding Seminar on May 7th, 1:00 p.m., at 719 South Batavia Avenue
County Auditorium Building A Geneva, IL 60134

On May 7th, KKCOM is hosting a seminar on Federal Programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlie Zine motioned for adjournment and Tony Cerda seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

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