City of Aurora

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019
6:15 PM

2nd Floor Clerk's Conference Room of City Hall

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board for Thursday, May 23, 2019 was called to order at 6:00pm.

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

Chairman Ed Barsotti was excused

OTHERS PRESENT

In the Audience the following were present:
• Jeff Palmquist, Fox Valley Park District
• 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 to approve the February 21, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Charlie Zine and seconded by Rene Craig.
The minutes of the February 21, 2019 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory board meeting were approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

A motion to approve the April 18, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Rene Craig and seconded by Charlie Zine.
The minutes of the April 18, 2019 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory board meeting were approved.

This Minutes was approved and filed

AGENDA

Bike Week

The following is a brief summary of Bike Week:
1. It was noted that a handout was passed out at Bike Week. The handout may have
been provided by Ride Illinois.
2. There were no community complaints.
3. The cones to outline the temporary bike lane on River Road was picked up Friday where it should have been picked up on Saturday. It is not known why the cones were picked up early.
4. It was noted more signage should be provided for Bike Week.
5. All Spoked Up provided a comment that the Jersey Barriers while functional were a bit much.
6. For next year, it was mentioned to partner with the Sustainable Committee.

Website Content

The board members were invited to provide, by the next June meeting, comments to Rene Craig on improvements to the website.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Staff discussed about the opportunity to take the proposed Bicycle Pedestrian and Transit Plan update through the last steps of the approval process. Staff reminded that the plan update went already before Planning Commission. Engineering and Planning will have to review the maps to validate improvements already occurred and planned, before the final approval steps. The advisory board will be crucial in providing input for spot improvements and/or future Capital Improvement Projects.
- The current plan is available for review in Dropbox. It was recommended to be reviewed with the intent to take it to the Board for approval.
- The plan should be reviewed by next month. It was noted to review Appendix A and B.
- As a follow up to the spot improvements that were previously discussed, 3 of the projects have been incorporated into the draft CIP.
- A question was asked if the Illinois 59 plan is included in the Bike/Ped Plan. On page 65 of the report, the Route 59 Comprehensive Plan Corridor Study depicts proposed bike/pedestrian routes. Future developments will have to take those recommendations into account.

Staff Reports

1. A new project on Indian Trail Road is proposed that will include water main work. The location of the project is close to the Police Department on the north side of Indian Trail. A gap of sidewalk will be constructed as part of the improvement.
2. A bridge project is proposed on Farnsworth Road north of the intersection with Indian Trail. A question to the committee was proposed as to their preference for the location of a multi-use path. The preference may be the west side as there is more room on this side.
3. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday (week after Bike|Ped|Transit Committee). Potential projects that may be discussed to be included in the HSIP program is the crossing
of the Illinois Prairie Path
with Farnsworth Road and the intersection of Indian Trail Road and High Street. The
deadline is June 14th.

Member Initiatives

PENDING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Doug attended a community block grant meeting and is looking into grants
2. Rene discussed the Thinkfirst program which is provided bike helmets to first
graders. She is looking into
   obtaining helmets from the Rotary Club. It was noted that the Dunham Fund has grants. Rene also
   mentioned Kane County's Fit for Kids program.
3. Charlie noted that the Voice newspaper (a local newspaper) can help to advertise.
4. The Specialized Foundation was mentioned as they have a program that gives
   bicycles to schools.
5. The Project Mobility program was mentioned and they provide bicycles for special
   needs. They work with
   older adults.
6. Charlie noted that there has been little activity on the construction of the new
   bicycle bridge over the Fox
   River. Lack of activity was due to the weather (there had been a lot of rain causing
   the elevation of the river
   to rise).
7. Ryan Peterson noted that they are working with the Kane County Cougars and
   Windy City Bulls on a
   program that will provide tickets to their games.
3. It was noted that Aurora has not had any active discussion about a bike scooter
   program.
4. A zoning ordinance update is coming up and bike parking lots may be a topic.
5. It was noted that the City of Chicago has a pilot programs for scooters. The
   program will be for four months.
   Scooters will not be allowed on sidewalks. A GEOFENCE will be used to place
   restrictions on where the
   scooter can and cannot go.
6. There are four companies that are part of scooter programs including Spin, Lyme,
   Bird.
7. Chicago is using the scooter program in the Austin, Avondale, South Lawndale and
   Pilsen neighborhoods.
8. Ryan noted that House Bill 5090 is proposed
9. Ryan noted that other communities that participated in Bike Week included
   Batavia who provided temporary bike sharrows and St. Charles had temporary signage
   and Elgin promoted bicycling through their historical area.
10. Project Mobility hosted an event to try out their project bicycles.
11. Roopa congratulated the board for Bike Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

That concluded the scheduled business for this meeting. A motion to adjourn was moved by member Mary Jane Cross and seconded by member Charlie Zine. Motion carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

This was adjourned

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