

MINUTES  
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMISSION  
7-21/2014

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members: Present: Mitch Rice, Jim Rosenbarger, Sylva Johnson, Paul Ash

Members: Mark Stosberg  
Lindsey - HT

Staff: Vince Caristo- Planning  
Scott Robinson - Planning  
Laurel Waters - Public Works

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jim Rosenbarger moved to approve the minutes from June 16, 2014. Paul Ash seconded. The motion passed. Minutes approved as submitted.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Paul stated he has been enjoying the new trails.

Sylva reported that the Bloomington Bicycle Project is putting on a Bike Bizarre during the month of August at the I-Fell Building. This will kick off during the August First Friday which is August 1st from 6 - 9 p.m. The street will be blocked off and there will be a bicycle block party, with bicycle and car safety classes. The Rainbow Bakery is baking bicycle shaped cookies, there will be beer, things for tinkering to learn about bikes, it will be kid friendly, there will be art for sale. There will also be bike poetry that will close the show at the end of the month. She requested the group ask friends to gather at 5:00 p.m. so the street can be packed with bikes.

Vince added they are working on designs for portable bike racks.

Jim stated he missed the work session and spent a week in Boulder. He sent out a photo of a downtown project that had a protective sidewalk for pedestrians which was set up with scaffolding. The sidewalk was open and the bike lane was closed, as was on street parking. This was not a large project, but a type of project that might be seen on Walnut or College. Jim added he rode all around the suburban bike network and it was very entertaining to go over roads and under roads.

Scott Robinson stated he has forwarded Jim's message and photo on to Rick Alexander. Scott stated he has let the current Planning staff know to look at Petitions and keep in mind possible sidewalk closures as it would be helpful when cases come forward.

Sylva stated she thought it was shocking when she came back to town because in most cities it would be required; in most cities there is a protective gateway for pedestrians.

There was more discussion on this issue. Vince concluded the discussion by saying it is being worked on, and at some point, it may need to be codified.

### **BPSC Work Session - Monday, July 7th**

Scott Robinson recapped the Work Session from July 7th.

- The 17 applications for the Bicycle Corps were looked at, which is a Grant that Vince applied for through the Bicycle Club. The idea is to get more people involved and certified instructors through the League of American Cyclists. All applications were looked at blind. The applications were pared down to the top 8 or 9. Some applicants were ruled out because they couldn't take some of the prerequisite classes. All the applicants selected accepted and they have all been registered. The first hands on class has been held. Vince added there will be 10 certified instructors as of August 10th. There will be a meeting in the Fall to strategize on what type of classes will be taught.
- There was a guest from the Environmental Commission that gave a presentation on their Climate Action Plan. Feedback was collected, and passed along to the Environmental Commission.

## **V. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **Farmer's Market Tabling, Saturday, July 19th**

Vince recapped the Farmer's Market Tabling event held on July 19th. One of the reasons for being there was to pass out the new Bloomington Bike Map. There is a normal size version, as well as a smaller pocket version. Everyone was excited this is finally available. Vince asked members to let him know if they see anything wrong.

Sylva stated she enjoyed being out there and being able to talk about bikes. There were some negative and positive comments.

### **Bicycle Friendly Community Application (deadline August 14, 2014)**

Scott stated the Bicycle Friendly Community Application is coming up for re-evaluation. Planning staff is filling out the application questionnaire. Once the answers are completed a draft will be sent out to the members of the BPSC as this is a pretty important application and it needs to be right.

Vince added the City Council would like the City to rank Platinum.

Paul asked if there was any money involved with this designation. Scott stated there is no money involved. It helps in economic development if someone wanted to locate to a bicycle friendly community.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Small Maintenance and Project List**

There was discussion about the Small Maintenance and Project List included in the packet. These are for existing bike facilities and range from really small items to larger items. Vince reported the number of bikeways has doubled. Staff will try to start incorporating the maintenance and upgrade projects into the Capital Plan. Vince asked that members keep adding to this list as they see or think about items. Also input is sought for prioritizing these projects.

Paul asked about the planned side path on Weimer and if it was City or County's. Scott believed that as the area develops then the developers will be completing the side path. There was discussion about 10th Street and Smith.

Vince explained these projects are more staff level decisions. A new side path, or a project like that is more an elected official decision.

Jim asked about the signs for the underpass. It was reported there are two up now, but if more are needed let staff know. Jim thought at least a dozen signs are needed.

Scott explained signs can be done in house, but currently signs are being switched out for the reflectology project which is the new standard. He could not speak as to how the Street Department prioritizes their work, but some projects do get higher priority.

Jim stated he noticed that the overhead signage for sharrows was not on the list, and is something he has asked for in the past. These are listed on the small needs list, but do not appear on the Small Maintenance and Project List. His concern is that the painted sharrows get covered up by cars, the overhead signage is very helpful.

Scott explained this list to help everyone at a staff level see what needs to be done and look for opportunities to implement them as other projects happen.

Sylva asked if this list could be shared with the public. Scott stated the packet is on the web. Other ideas and implementation were discussed.

### **Local Motion Grant Applications**

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Scott explained a decision did not have to be made tonight reference awarding the Local Motion Grant. Bloomington Bicycle Club did provide a match so there is a total of \$3,000 to award. It is hoped this grant will also be included in next year's budget. The response has been successful. Out of six letters of intent the four remaining applicants are as follows:

- Cardinal Spirits
- Buskirk-Chumley Theater/BCT Management
- Middle Way House
- Bloomington Community Bicycle Project Friends

The projects were summarized and there was general discussion and questions about the applicants. Scott did add that Cardinal Sprits would take 75% of their request. The other applicants are open to any amount.

Paul Ash made a suggestion for awarding the grant money; however the final decision to award was deferred to another meeting. The applicants do not expect a decision until late August. It was suggested to have a work session to go over the numbers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented

#### **TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Members were asked to let Vince know about any agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.