

**BLOOMINGTON PLATINUM BIKING TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY JUNE 9, 2011**

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Attendance:

Task Force Members: Jim Rosenbarger, Kerry Greer

Others in attendance: Vince Caristo (staff), Raymond Hess (staff), Clair Murphy, Ron Brown

I. Call to order (~12:00 PM)

II. Task Force Reports and Announcements

Mr. Rosenbarger said he enjoyed the recent 'Clips of Faith' event at Bryan Park.

III. Reports from Staff

Mr. Caristo announced a Breaking Away celebration tour at the Buskirk Chumley in October, and the possibility of combining with a Ciclovía event. He also announced there are two remaining bike rodeos this season and that MCCSC has applied to conduct education and encouragement activities at 7 elementary schools.

IV. Old Business

A. Vulnerable Road User Law

Mr. Hess said they had a meeting with legal to discuss the BBC's resolution and other legal issues. Legal is doing some research for planning and will respond to the BBC's memo to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Rosenbarger asked if anything similar can be done in the county. Mr. Hess said the county is considering going through the Bicycle Friendly Community application process.

B. Top Priorities for the Five E's (Homework)

Mr. Caristo said the homework was to review the 5 E's framework and give feedback. Mr. Rosenbarger said he looked closely at engineering. He introduced the concept of a 'community of villages' as a way to dramatically expand users. This would mean looking at parallel routes to arterials and focusing on good crossings. He understands arterials can serve many destinations. He believes there are great parallel routes to the E 3rd St Corridor, and alternatives to Walnut St. Covenanter/College Mall is an important crossing to look at, as is crossing Walnut St. Bicycle boulevards can be built incrementally over time to be increasingly park-like. Mrs. Greer said it is important to increase neighborhood capacity. This could promote grassroots action and civic ownership. Mr. Rosenbarger reiterated this concept should be embedded in all of our plans. Both recognized that developing multiple centers could create tension with existing downtown. Mr. Caristo asked how this concept can be integrated into our report. Mrs. Greer said we could implement neighborhood boundaries and strategies for neighborhood development. Mr. Rosenbarger said this could be done rather easily with well-knowing people. Mr. Hess suggested zoning issues may be beyond the scope of this report. Mr. Rosenbarger said this should not be a huge ordeal - if nothing else, the 'one-center' map in the BPTGSP should be updated, and walking radii could be identified for obvious centers like College Mall. Mr. Caristo suggested including the concept in the planning

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recommendations of the report. Mr. Rosenbarger said at least a few sentences would be good.

Mr. Caristo asked if there are any specific recommendations on an E-W corridor. Mr. Rosenbarger said 7th St Bike Boulevard and bridge under the bypass will be a great route, as well as the other bike boulevards in the plan. Mr. Caristo asked about the area between 7th St and Allen St. Mr. Rosenbarger said that neighborhood is very bikeable. Mr. Rosenbarger said prioritizing bike facilities on arterials might fit for more suburban-style development, but a grid network provides great options. He said many US cities don't have a grid like Bloomington's.

Mr. Caristo asked about bike lanes on College and Walnut. Ms. Greer said it feels unsafe and we should make connections to the B-line. Mr. Rosenbarger said he likes using the sharrows and think they should be painted. A discussion ensued about the general framework for the 5 E's (targets, indicators, benchmarks). The consensus was that they could be refined. Ms. Greer pointed out some of the goals are general and some are specific. She said we will have to develop our own unique program rather than just check boxes. We will have to figure out a way to get harness the synergy of progress and with walking/transit to get more users and reduce driving.

V. New Business

None

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Murphy agreed we have a large and vibrant downtown, and that zoning can help preserve this, but think we should stay away from this in the report. Mr. Brown said vibrant downtowns are rare.

VII. Next Meeting - June 23, 2011

Adjournment (~1:00 PM)