

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 4, 2022

5:00 PM

MINUTES

Approved: 

Date: 7-16-2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was held at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present

Jo Gibson, Chair
Susan Hume, Vice Chair
Mary Vandevord, Secretary
Danielle Adair
Greg Brumitt
Musonda Kapatamoyo
Emily Morrison
Jason Stacy

Absent

Stephanie Robbins
Steve Stuart

Breana Buncher, Staff
Emily Calderon, Staff

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hume made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022; second by Kapatamoyo. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Gibson reminded the committee about the MCT Trail summit and noted that over 100 people have signed up to attend so far.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) *Introductions*: New member Jason Stacy was introduced to the committee.
- b) *Land Development Process Presentation*: Breana Buncher made a presentation to the committee about how the land development process works in the City of Edwardsville. Buncher reviewed long-range vs. current planning, the building review process, platting process, and current city sidewalk requirements.

Buncher noted that the BPAC is responsible for proposing policy changes to the City Council to become a more bicycle-friendly community. Recommended ordinance changes to the Public Services Committee of the City Council. The PSC decides if a policy or ordinance recommendation moves forward and will direct staff to create a draft ordinance or policy. Ultimately recommendations go before the full City Council for consideration.

Gibson asked about how the ordinance amendment that allowed bicycles on sidewalks happened. BPAC did not discuss that policy, but in the newspaper it was reported that the committee had scrutinized it. Buncher noted that an elected official brought it up and it went through the ordinance process. Emily Calderon stated that people were riding bicycles on the sidewalks already, and so the intent of the ordinance change was to “decriminalize” it. The committee requested that future requests regarding policy and ordinance changes related to Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities come to the committee for discussion.

The committee inquired about coordination of facilities with Glen Carbon and the extension of Schwarz to Park. Stacy noted that connections between community destinations are primarily for recreational use right now and not for commuting. There is a gap in cyclist education about how to connect to reach destinations.

- c) *General Discussion:* Gibson asked the committee about the timing about discussing the four committee goals. The committee discussed creating an inventory of bicycle assets in the community and bicycle parking in general. Hume mentioned that one of her SIUE students conducted a bike rack survey and map a few years ago and it showed that many people did not use the existing bike racks. Instead they were parking bicycles in downtown in other places. It was noted that the next two meetings will involve reviewing the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and that new topics or goals may arise out of that discussion.

For next month, Hume asked the committee to bring back ideas for promoting better bicycle and pedestrian circulation that could be incorporated into new developments, such as sidewalks, bike parking, parking lots in the rear of buildings, etc.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Brummitt. Motion carried unanimously.