

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

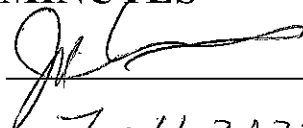
June 1, 2022

5:00 PM

MINUTES

Approved: _____

Date: _____


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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
Stephanie Robbins
Jason Stacy

Absent

Steve Stuart

Breana Buncher, Staff
Eric Williams, Staff
Megan Riechmann, Riechmann Consulting

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gibson requested a correction to paragraph three of New Business, item b to change the word “recommended” to “scrutinized.” Hume made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2022, as corrected; second by Stacy. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Gibson commended Brumitt and MCT on the Trails Summit held in May.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) *Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Draft Presentation*: Consultant Megan Riechmann provided a presentation overview of the first draft of recommendations for the Master Plan. Maps of recommended priority corridors were provided to the committee members.

Robbins asked for definitions of each priority corridor type listed on the map. Riechmann provided an explanation of each type, which included Existing On-Road Facility, shared-use trail, trail projects (future), and proposed corridors of on-road facility with enhanced sidewalks and shared-use trail.

Brumitt ask if the term ‘separated shared-use trail’ could be considered for clarity. The committee discussed the differed terms. Shared-use path is the standard term that IDOT uses. There was general agreement on using the term ‘separated shared-use path.’

The committee discussed the preference for the term “corridor” instead of “facility.” Committee members also thought that identifying which trails are owned by Madison County Transit (MCT) on the map, especially those under construction, would be helpful.

Adair and Stacy commented that designating Franklin as a connector between the Monarch Trail and Leclaire School and the rest of the system would be beneficial. Riechmann mentioned that street parking may be affected in this scenario and would look into adding it. A connector from Madison using 2nd was a proposed priority corridor on the map instead of Franklin. The committee agreed with keeping the Madison and 2nd connector but also wanted to add Franklin.

Vandevord asked to take another look at the Columbus Elementary area for connectivity into the system.

Members of the committee discussed incorporating signal buttons that cyclists can use at traffic lights. Stacy brought up a law in Idaho that allows cyclists to cross at red lights because of the signal button issue.

Brumitt asked if “bike boulevards” were explored. Riechmann said the plan scope does not get to that level of detail.

Morrison noted that speed limits – and lowering them in certain areas – is one way to encourage neighborhood bicycle and pedestrian usage.

Riechmann explained how the upcoming open house will work to get feedback from the community. She presented a Visual Preference Survey that asked about wayfinding sign preferences, types of paint markings, amenities, crosswalk types and asked for feedback on the proposed corridors.

The committee provided feedback on the Visual Preference Survey to update the language to be clearer on the intent of the questions/images.

Stacy asked why amenities were asked to be ranked and thought bicycle parking should be its own category. Hume recommended splitting the categories apart more. Stacy and Vandevord recommended pulling bike parking out separately. Morrison recommended an alternative of just asking a separate straight question about bike parking, such as “is there enough?” The committee agreed about removing the amenities ranking question but adding a separate question about bike parking.

Riechmann asked about education and encouragement of bicycling and what level the plan should go to. Hume said that a partnership with District 7 schools would be a good step. Kapatamoyo mentioned a “books for bikes” program and helmet fitting events. Gibson wanted to include a “how to navigate Edwardsville on foot or bike” resource hub. Riechmann mentioned a program called a “ten toes express.”

Stacy thought reaching out to the representative from Davis, CA, for more inspiration on programming might be helpful. A biking or walking school bus example was mentioned. Cycling could be worked into P.E. programs at schools.

Morrison mentioned creating a “slow down Downtown” campaign, which could include signs and emphasis on

cars stopping at crosswalks. Hume added emphasis on bump-outs. Stacy mentioned encouraging League of Bicyclists trainers and educators in partnership with local bike shops to help with education and advocacy efforts.

- b) *General Discussion*: The open house is June 9, 2022, from 5-7 pm at the Main Street Community Center. An online survey will also be available soon.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

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