
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

Members Present: Brandon Bowersox, Rick Bernotas, Audrey Ishii, Gary Cziko, Susan Jones, , Gary Biehl, Dana Mancuso

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Selby

Absent: Barak Rosenshine, Gary Engelgau

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by verbal record and a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Gary Biehl and seconded by Susan Jones to approve the minutes from April 15, 2008 and June 17, 2008. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Input

There was no public input.

VI. New Business

A. Safe Routes to School Grant- School travel plan

Jennifer Selby presented. The city will be applying for a Safe Routes to School grant again this year. Applications are due in December and they will apply on behalf of the Urbana School District. The School Travel Plan has been submitted for approval on October 20, 2008 which is the first step in applying for the Safe Routes to School grant. There will be thirteen million dollars available. Jennifer reviewed this plan as it was presented to her from Gabe Lewis at Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. The initial School Travel Plan was submitted to IDOT yesterday. The final School Travel Plan will be due by 5pm on 10/31/08. SRTS Grant Applications due by 5pm on 12/1/08.

Brandon Bowersox asked how Jennifer Selby goes about choosing the projects that she wants to work on. The limit has been changed from \$400,000 to \$250,000. She believes you can only apply for one project. The school district wanted to do a project that involved Sunnycrest 2 apartment buildings west of Thomas Paine School. The project involves constructing a sidewalk that will be on the west side of Lohman Park and connect to the school and apartments. The other project is at King School. The sidewalk will be continued on the east side of the school to

the corner of the property at King Park. The park and school connection is highly regarded with the people who review the projects and make the decisions.

B. 2008 Pro Walk/ Pro Bike Conference – Seattle

Jennifer Selby presented. She attended the meeting over Labor Day week 2008. She attended several seminars. Chicago Bikeway Design Guide: Dave Gleason presented – he is from the City of Chicago. Jennifer Selby uses this document as a resource for the development of Urbana on-street bikeways. This will be released in 2009. Some highlights include – marked shared lanes, bike/bus lanes, colored bike lanes, bicycle guide signs, bicycle detours, and bicycle accommodations within a construction zone.

Bike Parking session: APBP (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals) <http://www.bfbc.org/issues/parking/> developed a bicycle parking guideline document. They are updating this and it will be out in 2009.

What's New in The Upcoming Edition of the AASHTO Guide: This document will be available in late 2009 or early 2010. Jennifer has a PDF of this presentation. The AASHTO bike guide is used by all state departments of transportation. The last update was in 1999. The existing guide classifies bicyclists as ABC (adult, basic and child) they are now classifying bicyclists by what type of trip, why are they bicycling, what type of user are they. There will be a section on how to create a bicycle master plan and how to deal with bikes and transit. The chapters about on-street facilities, traffic signals and maintenance are greatly expanded. New chapters have been added for shared lane markings, bike boulevards, bridges, roundabouts, parking and several other items.

Creating Safe and Walkable Communities For Older Adults: Walk Wise, Drive Smart program was implemented in Hendersonville, NC. Community education and encouragement of walking for older adults. Pedestrian Safety for Seniors. UNC Highway Safety Research Center and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration developed a three hour interactive workshop titled "Pedestrian Safety Workshop: A Focus on Seniors. This module will be available on-line soon for communities to use. Jennifer thought this would be a great workshop to present to our Urbana residents.

Shared Roadway Markings: Presentation from San Francisco about when and where to use them.

Improving Intersections Safety with Bike Boxes and Colored Lanes. A bike box is something we could put into use here in Urbana. They prioritize the cyclists, prevent right hooks and facilitate left turns. This presentation discussed the design details of a bike box.

The last workshop was a mobile workshop and Jennifer shared photos of this.

Rick Bernatos suggested reaching out to various neighborhood watch groups to talk to them about the Designing for Seniors workshop. Dana Mancuso suggested including day care programs that walk.

C. Agenda items for future meetings

Safe Routes to School Programs, pedestrian sidewalk replacement, gap in sidewalks, bike parking design requirements, zoning ordinance, encourage biking to work, education and enforcement, how to ride the MTD bus for middle and high school students could be the same for walkers and or bikers, snow shoveling, bike and walking links on the city website, get involved with students in the high school that are involved with sustainability. Jennifer would like to get help adding information to our website involving biking and walking safely with links to the bike map, the IDOT bicycle rules and to BPAC. Susan Jones volunteered to help with this project. Rick Bernaotas suggested distributing information at the airport and the Illinois Terminal in regards to renting bikes, bike and walk rules. Gary Cziko suggested adding information to Wiki Travel website or adding a link from our website.

VII. Old Business

No old business.

VIII. Announcements

Jennifer Selby discussed the Philo Road information release. A ribbon cutting for the Philo Road addition bike lanes and road diet will be held on Friday October 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.. The Share the Road bus will be there with MTD. This is the first project that was implemented from the Bike Master Plan. She also shared that the Bike Master Plan has won two awards, one National Award from AMPO and the other award was from Illinois Chapter of American Planning Association.

King School is trying to develop a walking school bus.

A "Light Up The Night" event was held on campus last night and they had an overwhelming response to this – over 400 light sets were distributed. There will be another night planned for distributing the lights on October 27 from 4:30-8:30.

The council meeting on October 27, 2008 will include discussion on angled parking vs. bike lanes on Main Street. Jennifer Selby will be doing a presentation on why bike lanes were suggested on Main Street per the Bike Master Plan. Brandon Bowersox wants to put on the next meeting agenda to endorse adding bike lanes on Main Street.

IX. Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Hoffman
Recording Secretary