
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

Members Present: Gary Cziko, Morgan Johnston, Brandon Bowersox, Barak Rosenshine, Bryan Lake, Dana Mancuso, Audrey Ishii, Michelle Guerra

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Selby

Absent: Gary Engelgau, Susan Jones

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda item to be added: Michelle Guerra would like to discuss a letter of support for a grant application she is working on. Agenda for April 19, 2011 was approved by Dana Mancuso and seconded by Morgan Johnston, upon verbal voice vote the motion carried to approve the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Gary Cziko made a correction to the minutes to add the phrase "on local residential streets" after the first sentence of his presentation. Morgan Johnston moved to approve the minutes from February with the additional wording and Barak Rosenshine seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Input

No public input

VI. New Business

- A. Parking Impacts of Bike Lanes – Jennifer Selby presented.

Jennifer Selby presented the streets that would be affected by the addition of bike lanes.

Bradley Avenue - City limits to Lincoln Avenue. South side parking will be removed – 61 spaces. North side parking will remain – 83 spaces. Bike lanes to be installed on both sides of the road with two vehicle lanes. City of Urbana will likely coordinate this project with a possible City of Champaign road diet project. No schedule for the work at this time.

Fairview Avenue from Goodwin Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. North side parking will be removed – 17 spaces. No parking on the south side of the street. King School is currently under reconstruction. The completion of the school improvements will significantly lower the parking demands on Fairview Avenue as the main entrance will be relocated to the northwest corner of the building and a new parking lot will be added on the north side of the school. The City applied for a SRTS grant for these bike lanes. The announcement should be made late summer as to whether or not the City received this grant. If the City receives the grant, the parking removal will be presented to the traffic commission as was done with Race Street, Washington Street and Philo Road.

Green Street from Lincoln Avenue to Race Street. North side parking will be removed – 44 spaces. No parking on the south side of the street. Current council could make a “town gown” connection to connect downtown to campus. This would be part of a larger street reconstruction project including sidewalk, curb and gutter, etc. The largest impact would be to rental units and churches. There is no money available for this project so no immediate plans to construct. 10+ year time range.

Amber Lane from Philo Road to Myra Ridge Drive. North side parking will be removed - 52 spaces. No parking on the south side of the street. Bike lanes would connect to Philo Road sharrows and bike path. This project could happen this spring but the parking removal would have to go the traffic commission in May to get the parking removed.

Broadway Avenue from Illinois Street to Washington Street. West side parking will be removed – 24 spaces. East side parking will remain – 30 spaces. This would impact the Urbana High School parking for students. There is no time table to do this project. Possibly in the next 3 -5 years.

Kinch Street from Washington Street to Florida Avenue. West side parking will be removed – 39 spaces. East side parking will remain – 17 spaces. The City applied for a SRTS grant for these bike lanes. The announcement should be made late summer as to whether or not the City received this grant. If the City receives the grant, the parking removal will be presented to the traffic commission as was done with Race Street, Washington Street and Philo Road. There is already some opposition to removing parking on Kinch. West curb line is consistent, thus the reason for removing the parking on the west side of the street.

Florida Avenue from Race Street to Kinch Street. North vs. south side parking removal varies by block. Currently no parking from Race Street to Lincoln Avenue so no impact. Lincoln Avenue to Philo Road: north side parking removed – 52 spaces – and south side parking remains – 94 spaces. Philo Road to James Cherry: Removal alternates with 54 spaces removed and 25 spaces to remain. Parking remains in front of Florida House and at apartment buildings. James Cherry Drive to Curtiss Drive: most spaces removed around curve – 48 removed and 2 remain. Total removal is 157 and total remain is 121.

For all these project locations, the total proposed removal is 394 spaces with 251 spaces to remain.

B. Bicycle Master Plan Update

Jennifer Selby presented. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission has presented the City with a scope of service to do an update, but the costs are not yet know. Originally, the plan was to be updated every five years. The City is currently in the fourth year of the plan. Updates would include more about sharrows and would also include an update of the goals and objectives.

The three goals in the 2008 BMP were: (1) Increase bike mode share in Urbana 50%. Counts and surveys are needed to verify. (2) Achieve Bicycle Friendly Community award. This goal was achieved in 2010. It is anticipated that a new goal would be to increase from a Bronze level BFC to a Silver level. (3) Substantially increase the bicycle network. This goal was achieved through engineering.

Bike lanes - Amber Lane (2011?); Bradley Avenue (coordinate with Champaign?); Broadway Avenue (2-3 years); Fairview Avenue and Florida Avenue (2012? with SRTS funds); Goodwin Avenue from Springfield Avenue to Gregory Avenue (completed in 2009); Green Street from Race Street to Busey Avenue (10+ years); Gregory Street from Illinois Street to Oregon Avenue (U of I, City of Urbana project – plans are complete – waiting on funding); Illinois Street from Goodwin Avenue to Gregory Street (completed in 2007); Illinois Street from Vine Street to Race Street (after Main Street and when TIF Funds are available); Kinch Street (2012? with SRTS funds); Main Street (2012); Oregon Street from Lincoln Avenue to Goodwin Avenue (U of I, City of Urbana project – plans are complete – waiting on funding); Philo Road from Colorado Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue (completed in 2008); Philo Road from Pennsylvania Avenue to Washington Street (2011); Race Street from Windsor Road to Pennsylvania Avenue (completed in 2010); Washington Street from Vine Street to Philo Road (completed in 2010).

Bike routes – none have been completed but will be part of the update of the Bicycle Master Plan. A lot of bike routes would be implemented as part of the SRTS grants. The MUTCD has developed new bike route signage which includes destination, direction and distance information. The information to be included on the new bike route signs will be a task of the Bicycle Master Plan update steering committee.

Shared bike/parking lanes - Anderson Street and Pennsylvania Avenue are the only streets to receive this treatment and they would be implemented as part with the SRTS grant.

Share the Road signage – None implemented to date

Shared use paths: Windsor Road from Philo Road to High Cross Road (completed in 2009-2010); Florida Avenue from Abercorn Street to High Cross Road (already designed, to be implanted when Florida Avenue is constructed out to High Cross Road); High Cross Road to Po Boys Restaurant (2011? Dependent on right-of-way acquisition); future Olympian Drive (to be constructed with street construction).

C. Bike to Work and School Day – May 3, 2011 – Jennifer Selby

See the website, www.cubiketowork.com, to get registered or get suggested bike routes.

VI. Old Business

No old business

VII. Announcements

- A. April 23 – Earth Week – Common Ground Co-op
- B. April 25 – Basic Bicycling Skills Workshop
- C. May 3 – Bike to Work & School Day
- D. May 21 – Bike Rodeo at Market at the Square – need volunteers – see Jennifer Selby
- E. June 4 – Playing it Safe – Champaign County Fairgrounds – 1000's of people will be there and they do need volunteers.

Michelle Guerra presented. The U of I Wellness Center is considering applying for a grant through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation called Health Impact Project. www.healthimpactproject.org Brief proposals are due June 1, 2011 and then final proposals are due September 2011. She would like for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide a letter of support for the proposal. Brandon Bowersox informed the commission that we cannot vote on this support today because it was not on the agenda but the topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting and we can discuss in more detail at that time. Discussion ensued. Michelle Guerra asked the commission to think of possible policies that could be adopted and to please email her our ideas. She will send the attachment to the group.

Audrey Ishii announced that the Illinois Marathon will take place April 30, 2011.

Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.
This meeting was recorded