

CITY OF BATAVIA

Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting
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Monday, February 8, 2021
7:00 p.m. -Minutes

1. Roll Call: John Gamble, Amy Moore, Joanne Spitz, Jenn Ress, Brett Garrett, John Burnham, Randy Deicke, Jared Heck, Evan Thomas, Lucy Thelin Atac, Laura Newman
Absent: Emil Jensen, Dave Pedersen, Steve Ericksen, Troy Simpson
2. Approve Minutes
3. Bikes For Batavia: Evan shared info: 3 bikes delivered this month to mom, dad and son with no car. 7 other requests that will wait till spring/warmer weather. About 75 bikes in the shop, all at different levels of readiness: Green, Yellow, Red. Evan would greatly appreciate commissioners offering to take any number of bikes to do anything to get them ready....washing them, fixing, anything! He can meet you at shop or deliver if needed. John G and Brett both offered help. Several others who have helped in the past have not responded to Evan's emails/calls.
4. Lucy and the E-W Bike Trail: This is a committee within Encore group. They want to reenergize the conversation, designate a path from E to W, figure out what changes have been done, already approved/proposed, and fix/add any holes. Want funding suggestions, grant ideas. And, then present to City Council. Had 1 meeting so far. E-W path is a long-term project within Encore. The committee makes plans/recommendations but will be up to city council to make it all happen. BBC will not be changing its name to incorporate Active Transportation, but we always consider pedestrian safety/viability.
5. Strategic Plan: Laura went over the Plan. 2.2 for "x" miles of sharrows- depends on cost. Road construction: Council is in favor of Complete Streets and it needs to continue. Need plans with greatest impact.

2.3 City has good relationship with ATA after the excellent meeting with other towns that they hosted, so hope to work with them. Don't want to delay plan; there is funding in current budget. The bike plan will be part of the Active Transportation comprehensive plan.

Need a consultant to help with comprehensive plan. 3 parts to plan; does city use the same consultant or different ones? Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan (both for 2022), Bike Plan (for 2021). Have more in the budget than was expected.

3.3 Safety: important part for BBC. Slow Down campaign was very effective but need new strategies to get drivers to slow down and to look for cyclists.

Council has invited BBC to attend meetings and talk to them about how we can help. We will attend the March 9th meeting....virtually or in person.

Road Diet: Hope to use ITEP grant. Encouraging words from IDOT; administration has changed, Geneva road diet a huge success, IDOT under resourced.
THANK YOU, LAURA!

6. Bike Racks: Discussed spot by Library (corner of Wilson and Rt. 31) or the Boardwalk Shops. Unanimous to put both at Boardwalk Shops. They may put a patio by shops, so racks near there would be great. Engineers are working on changes to crosswalk at Wilson and Rt. 25 so SE corner would be more perpendicular and safer to cross. Comedy going in where bank was, so will see more traffic.

Amy asked about a city map with markings for car and bicycle parking. It is on the city website, and we need to get it and keep it updated. And add E-to-W route on city website.

7. Bike safety on trail: Dave made a fantastic sign for the trail with our top 5 safety tips. He is waiting for a call back from Allison Niemela at BPD to see if they will print and put on trail. They could add logo for BPD, or police info.
8. Safe Streets Campaign: Jenn presented more ideas. She followed up with an email, and the email findings are below and what we should present to city council:

New signs that say: Bikes may use full lane (BMUFL)...should these replace "Share the Road". Her research on Ride Illinois states we should pick between 2 signs: Either BMUFL, or "3 Feet minimum to pass bicycles". Share the road signs on McKee and Raddant should be replaced with State Law- 3 Feet Min to Pass Bicycles signs. Areas throughout downtown (e.g. Sharrows, Wilson St from Batavia Ave. to N Washington Ave.) should have BMUFL signs. Ride Illinois is providing funding for the 3 Feet Min signs. Only a few of these are in the county now, and none within the city limits of Batavia.

Jen recommends we advocate for both BMUFL and 3 Feet Min signs to city council, based on the above information. Suggest we start with signage throughout downtown and replacing Share The Road signs on McKee and Raddant.

For the social media campaign Jen is working on: April 5- April 30.

Split info into 4 sections: 1. General rules of the road; Be Aware 2. Helmet safety 3. Visibility/Be Seen 4. Motorists- How to interact with cyclists; Be aware of cyclists.

Social Media outlets we should use: Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Neighbors Magazine, ENews from City of Batavia.

Culminate in May and have incentive to complete the Bike Safety Quiz. Get prizes and get Chamber Bucks.

9. Bicycle Friendly Application: Amy sent it this week. Thanks Amy!

10. John led discussion of what we should present to City Council for improvements. We will go to the March 9th City Council meeting; can do it remote or in person.

3 Key Items:

1. Road Diet

2. Road Connections/Links (signs, infrastructure, etc.) INCLUDING JEN'S signage info.

3. Sharrows. We also discussed list of ways to improve the trail. A big one we want to promote is: Striped yellow line in middle of the bike trail. City and BPD can work together. The city did stripe area by food pantry.

For our next meeting on March 8, we will spend most of the time on Troy's map; look at the routes marked in yellow. Green are done. Red in progress. Signage could connect a lot of the routes. Look for any errors.

LINK:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/a525500978174629a29a9d203c94175e>

Can make recommendations for: routes, signage for bikes using full lane, wayfinding signs, sharrows, major projects. Some identified at meeting: Pine, Prairie, Fermi, Lathem, Raddant to RMS, Trail stops at Fabyan to get to Peck Farm, Rt. 31 road diet, sharrows on McKee, several ways to get across town- think in quadrants to get to Main St., Peck, how to make other crossing used like Union on Rt. 31.

**Don't take life so seriously.
It's not like you're going
to get out alive.**

