

CITY OF BATAVIA
Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting
100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
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Monday, February 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Roll Call: Amy Moore, Steve Ericksen, John Gamble, Joanne Spitz, Karen Cerveny , Randy Deicke, Dave Pedersen, John Burnham, Scot Brasel
2. Absent: Emil Jensen, Matt Knowles

From last month and forgot to bring up :AGS is having a Safe Kids Event on April 13, 10-12. Looking for Bicycle Commission to be there. Will have other groups there to present general basics on safety for kids. Amy/Joanne getting more info. Looking for volunteers to handle this.

3. Scouts: Sent John an article on bike maintenance (not original; found online). We do not want to link it due to security. We will find a better article on American League of Bicyclists and add to our website and credit the scouts for this suggestion.
4. Prairie Street bike lanes and bike club: Joanne updated group on finding the club that was filmed (Spokes in Wheaton). She had a nice conversation with the owner, and gave contact info to Laura Newman, who updated city admin. Plan is to have Chris Cudworth contact the owner and work this all out.

What BBC needs to do is develop a plan for public service announcements for community education for bicyclists and motorists. 30 second spots for BATV and articles in Neighbors/newspapers. John will work on getting a sub-committee together with police chief/Emil, Chris C, Joanne, Steve, Scott.

Randy suggested we put together a plan, and in 2 months we go before city council with what we want implemented....to complete/compliment Bicycle Friendly Community. Could do 1 spot per season. Dave generously offered to produce these spots. They can include seasonal riding ideas, rules on Dutch Reach, trail etiquette. Also, suggest speed limit signs, Sharrow designations painted on the ground/education on what they mean, explain different categories of riders (racers, casual) and where they ride and why, rules of the road for bikes and cars.

5. Temporary Lanes: Sidewalk by the Creamery- BBC advised city we are against allowing bicyclists to ride on sidewalk. This would make it the only sidewalk in downtown Batavia that allows bikes. It is too narrow to have walkers and bikers moving on it in both

directions. We want connectivity but don't recommend biking on this sidewalk. We would like to see a bike lane on the road!

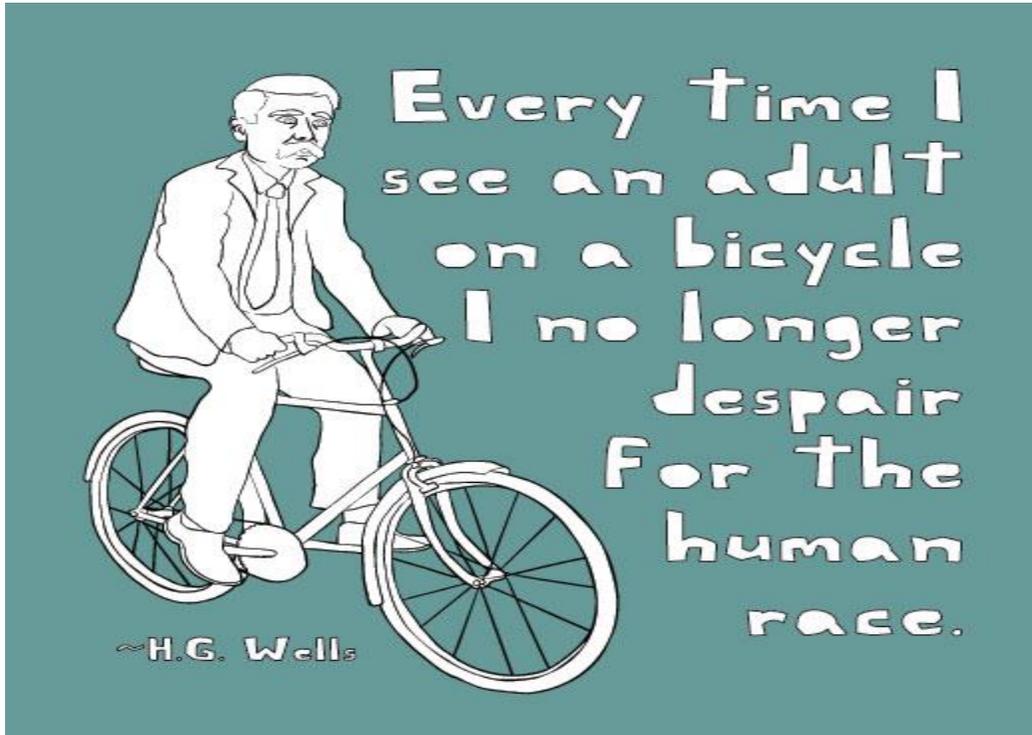
We want to use momentum to separate bikers and cars. Considered temporary bike lane on McKee with a temporary bike sign, could say: Walk on the sidewalk; Bike on the street. But if we can never get permanent bike lanes on McKee, may not be worth pursuing.

We recommend Sharrows on Houston. Put Sharrows where we can not get dedicated bike lanes, where there is not the required 5 feet of space.

BBC should schedule a bike tour (Geneva is doing one). If parking garage is ever built downtown, we need to encourage the city to add bike lanes and take out some on street parking.

6. Abby Beck invited BBC to participate in a WellBatavia forum on March 7 at 10am at city hall. Local business owners will discuss results of the pedestrian/cycle count survey they did last summer. And will talk about temporary bike lanes, complete streets, bike friendly businesses, and anything else we want to bring up. Joanne planning to attend.... send anything you want her to bring/discuss.
7. Bike Education: Abby, Joanne, and Karen sent Chris Milka their recommended plan for bike education for K-5. He shared it with all schools and had positive feedback. He will get in touch when he has more info on BPS101 plans. Joanne contacted Laura Abraham at RMS to see if they want help, and they are going to plan the bike/ped program on their own.
8. Bike Ride to Lake Geneva: August 24th. Goal is 18 riders. Made \$300 last year. To rent a bus, need at least 10 people.
9. Tour de Farm: June 22 and 23rd. Leaves from Kane County Fairgrounds. John is riding and welcomes riders to join him and his team. June 15, 16 is Tour de Shore.
10. Bike Plan: How do we get rest of the plan implemented? Randy suggests we pick parts we want to do and present to city in July/August to hopefully add to their budget. Discussed hiring a consultant to update the Bicycle Plan. It is a big task to review and update. We should use GIS (Geographic Information System).
11. Scott discussed how important it is to promote bicyclists in a positive way.... we are educated, respectful, and important to our community....we bring money and business to town. Batavia is a Bicycle Friendly Community.... this is not just for infrastructure; we must encourage civility and ability to share the road. Use media, BATV.
12. On demand webinar: Commission invited to see this with city staff. Randy checking if Friday, March 22nd at 1PM would work. All are invited. Dave and Joanne interested.

13. IL's American Planning Association is offering pro-bone assistance on planning projects. Email sent by Maggie Melin at Active Trans. We should talk to Wellbatavia, Main Street and City about a project.



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