

CITY OF BATAVIA
Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting
100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
(630) 454-2000 <http://www.cityofbatavia.net>
Monday, April 8, 2019
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: John Gamble, Amy Moore, Steve Ericksen, Joanne Spitz, Karen Cerveny, Randy Deicke, Dave Pedersen, John Burnham, Scott Brasel. Guests: Bill Foster and interested citizen

Absent: Emil Jensen, Matt Knowles

2. Approved Minutes

3. Bike Video. Steve wrote the scripts, and Dave says they are perfect. Dave needs 1-2 people to film. We will use video, social media, Neighbors Magazine, newspaper to get word out – in response to concerns for bike and motorist safety, education to follow laws for both. Want to reach as many Batavians as possible. Neighbors: 50-word press release is free. Dave will work on getting more space.

4. Wayfinding: Lots of different areas to cover; scheduling another meeting. Need to define downtown space, financials to pay for this, grants to apply for.

Sharrows: The sharrows we recommended will be permanent! Great news. Hope to have this done before Bike Week. Still need signs on the road. Sharrows are a space where bikes and parking are both permitted. Sharrow will begin at Island and Houston, down Island to Shumway, to water treatment center.

Idea- Arches built at 4 points on trail leading into town on the trail

5. Bike Week: Trail will be open for Bike Week near Food Pantry/Water treatment!!!

Good example of Bike Week activities in Aurora: Protected bike lanes, DOT sponsored STRAVA contest, extra areas to ride (taking out some car parking spaces)

6. Bike Ed for 3rd Grade: Program is all set and ready to go. Chris Milka shared the power point. He will send days/times the 6 schools will do presentation. Any BBC members are welcome to attend and help. All schools have changed their schedules.
7. Bike to School Day: Joanne sent all info to all elementary schools and RMS. They can all sign up with SRTS to get resources, stickers; Dave revised his great flyer and it was sent

to all schools. RMS is having free breakfast. Police and Fire Departments will go to any/all schools they are able to. Mark Anderson will drop off 2 Bike To School Day on Wednesday signs to all elementary schools and RMS on May 1.

8. Bike to Work Day: Suggested we ask companies to post info on Bike to Work Day. Dave will share a flyer he made that can be used.
9. AGS Safety Day: We will be there at 9:10 and will check weather to decide if inside or outside is best. John will bring trailer. Scott organizing rodeo, helmet and bike checks. Will do giveaways if we have enough. Helpers: Scott, Joanne, John G, John B, Steve's lovely wife. Need to get cones.
10. Bikes for Batavia: We should get a night scheduled to fix bikes. HCS starting to ask students; ASU working on 5 now and getting several more. Matt got a great bike for an adult at Batavia Apartments...she was so very grateful. B Apartments posted it on facebook.
11. Bike Sharing: Ryan updated us...working on county wide bike sharing program. County pays for them, and each town can pay county for number of bikes/docks they want. This will save all towns money. Dockless: Some have great way to control where bikes are left by having a sign and taped off area where bikes must be left.

Cost: \$22,000 per year for a station and 6 bikes with space for 10 bikes. Zagstar. BBC needs to lobby for this at a city meeting in July or August and talking to mayor and alderpersons, to request this get in the budget. Can sell advertising to recover some costs: Ads on bikes, wheel well and station. Aurora has 3 stations with Zagstar; their contract is almost up, and they store bikes in winter. Cost of ride varies by town. Fermi will probably have one.

Good locations for stations: Downtown, Fermi, near Randall. Aurora, Geneva and Elgin all interested.

12. Random Discussions:

- Class 1-2 motorized bikes/scooters only are allowed on trail
- Litter: All areas on trail controlled by different entities. Can contact city, Forest Preserve, Park District
- Batavia Park District: 50th anniversary. Doing campaign over summer for residents to visit 12 parks. Want ideas for parks to include. We suggest Engstrom, Big Woods, Memorial, Clark Island. Asked if we would contribute to a bike as a prize; our funds are too low to do this.
- Randy brought up: How do we engage and get high schoolers interested in biking. Seems kids bike a lot till high school, and again in college and as adults. How do we keep excitement for biking alive during high school years?
- Ryan discussed ITEP grants

GREAT SIGNS!

