

CITY OF BATAVIA
Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting
100 N. Island Ave., Batavia, IL 60510
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Monday, May 14, 2018
7:00 p.m. -Minutes

1. Roll Call:

Present: John Gamble, Joanne Spitz, Amy Moore, Matt Knowles, Scott Brasel, Steve Ericksen, Karen Cerveney, Chris Cudworth
Absent: Dave Pedersen, Randy Deicke, Emil Jensen, John Burnham

2. Approve Minutes

3. Wayfinding/Bike route signage for trail and around town – Discussion with Chris:

Chris asked BBC to recommend signage on trail and around town; how to navigate Batavia for walkers and bikers. Could incorporate GIS apps/QR codes on signs. Several on BBC prefer to not use QR codes. Main Street has budgeted funds for this, and city council wants to do it. Chris is chairing this project. Katie Drum and Rob Hollis are helping the city. They want our input on directional signage, not business specific. How do we promote trail traffic that is native to Batavia...let's welcome them. Could promote specific sites to see: Windmills, Depot Museum, BU Tour. Want this done BY SUMMER! There is full support from BPD, city and MainStreet.

Want to highlight bike pumps, 2 bike shops, public restrooms, bike hub (start and finish in Batavia). Can add signage for Fermi riders- on Prairie and Wilson (remind them of speed; ride single file).

BBC suggestions to share with Chris/MainStreet (Amy will communicate this):

Priorities:

1. Directional Signage/Wayfinding: Map at each entrance to town. And, need to have directional signage at every single place anyone would wonder which way to go. Can be a simple arrow. Could write on the actual bike trail. Could be every 20ft., to get them in and through town on the trail. Need ONE option to get around on NE side (use stairs

and not the glass-filled alley). Very specific, where to turn R or L to stay on trail, cross streets, cross bridge.

2. Welcome: Entrance signs at 4 points on the trail (could be near Wilson/Houston) or where trail property falls in Batavia. A mini version of River St sign over the street.
3. Features/places to visit signage using graphics/emojis for: Can use a picture of coffee, fork with arrow pointing the right way, 6"x6" - easy to see. Use emojis, not words, to simplify.
 - a. Restrooms and water
 - b. Bike shop, air
 - c. Food
 - d. Special destinations: Depot museum, library, popcorn shack
 - e. Could like Batavia Friendly Businesses
4. Mileage/Destinations: Distance to train, BHS, N Aurora, Aurora, Elgin, concert venues

4. First Annual Bike Ride to Lake Geneva – Randy made a flyer and has all the info. We need to promote this, find another sag rider, and a mechanic. If we get to 40 people, it can be a fundraiser. Randy has a sag vehicle and a bus to take riders home Saturday night.

5. Recap: Bike safety in the Elementary Schools and Bike to school day - All went great. Thanks to John and Matt for doing all 6 schools, Emil did 5, Joanne did 4, Dave did 1 and Amy did 2. Thank you!!! Bike to School Day was postponed to Thursday at 5 of the 7 schools. Fire and police came out on Thursday, and were a HUGE hit, especially at RMS and GMW. Thank you so much. Signs were delivered to all schools and will be picked up again and stored at BPS Buildings and Grounds office.

6. Recap: Bike giveaway on May 5; More bikes needed! – Went good. Gave away about 20 bikes; several kids did not come, but many who came for bikes also brought their siblings, who wanted bikes. We already have a list of 11 more bikes needed...7 from JB, 3 for family in Carpentersville and 1 from a request from Emil. Dropping off 10 helmets to JBN.

7. WellBatavia Fest, Saturday, June 2nd 8-1PM – Amy organizing this and could use 1-2 more volunteers. Lots of booths, activities and a run that day.

