

CITY OF BATAVIA
Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting Minutes
Batavia, IL 60510
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Monday, July 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.

In attendance: John Burnham, Steve Erickson, Jared Heck, John Gamble, Amy Moore, Michelle Langston, Joanne Spitz, Brett Garrett, Dustin Pieper

Absent: Dave Pederson, Jennifer Ress

1. Approve Minutes
2. Welcome Kaci Crowley: Kaci will attend the August meeting and we look forward to meeting her and working together. Kaci is the new Kane County Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator.
3. Bikes For Batavia – Jared shared that he and Evan presented the BfB program and need for a new space to city council and will return with a more detailed plan. Raised awareness and several alderpersons expressed interest. Had a long discussion about getting the inventory from Klem. Klem wants to donate all his tools and equipment to us and would need to get it all by the end of September. We need to decide what we take, what goes to junk and what Working Bikes (or other groups) can take. Jared will help organize the plan to:

Ask Scott Haines about using city lot or their trucks to haul. Need to take inventory of Klem's items, find volunteers, get volunteers with flatbed trucks, find a location for BfB, cost to rent a pod, use a city owned property in the industrial park.

John B will ask his friend at Working Bikes if they have interest in wheels or anything else. Budget: We need to get request into the city soon before their budgeting process begins. John will talk to Laura N about space for BfB. We can use city's W9 for any charity/donations. Can we use a tent? Or a pallet? Use a shipping container? Joanne can ask Dennis Piron (football coach), and other groups to ask for help: churches, school groups, BMC.

4. NW/Delnor Grant for bike repair stations was declined. Steve and Joanne will look into other grant opportunities.
5. Bike Repair Station: The vandalized one will be repaired by the Batavia Park District.
6. Rules of the Road violations for cyclists: Michelle reported that the police are seeing more violations by avid cyclists. Looking for a way to educate and get compliance without issuing tickets. Especially prevalent in downtown area. Going through stop signs, lights; drivers also violate rules of the road. Ideas: Hand out safety info at bike shops; require that violators take the bike safety quiz or they have to pay the ticket; have safety info at the Farmer's Market; partner with all schools to ensure they are teaching bike safety curriculum that BBC provided for each grade and that BHS does still give the bike quiz in Driver's Ed classes; talk to the RMS bike club.
7. Communications within BBC: John B gave several suggestions, and all agreed we would try Slack.

8. Family Bike Rides: Jen and Jared want to organize a ride in conjunction with the Depot Museum exhibit on cycling. The ride would be before a Wednesday concert, July 27 or Aug 3, and would ride ½ of the Great 8, short educational talk, set up at the Depot Museum. Michelle is checking if an officer can ride with us.

Other: City installed a bike rack by Hearth & Hammer. The library installed several bike racks on upper and lower levels. They look fantastic. Windmill City Fest: The Community Bike Wash, a great idea, but very few used it.



