

**Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
June 18, 2008**

1. Welcome, introduction and approval of previous meeting minutes.
Sadhu Johnston (Mayor's Office)

2. *Bike 2015 Plan* – Chapters 3 & 4
 - a. **Chris Gagnon** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Overview of bike racks – how they are funded, what they are made of, and where they can and can't be installed. The new website form has been a success, averaging four requests per day. Introduction of automated feedback email provides requestors updates on the status of their requested rack. Equitable bike rack installation distribution is an issue as the amount of requests varies by ward. To be addressed. CBF and Chase take care of special events parking.
 - b. **Steven Vance** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Upcoming introduction of a public interface on the website will enable finding racks by ID number, street address. This should be launched by the end of the summer.
 - c. **Tony Saracino** (CDOT Bicycle Parking Program)
Working this summer to encourage more indoor bike parking, hopefully partnering with the city's Green Permits program and LEED.
 - d. **Todd Bapton** (CTA)
Indoor bike parking projects ongoing at the Brown Line Sedgewick and Southport stations; Red Line at Howard. Bike parking will be in the paid area, after the customer goes through the turnstile, for added security.
 - e. **Nick Puczkowsky** (CTA)
Current goal: increasing bike parking at the CTA's eight garages. Survey work done by CTA; info sent to CDOT. Working to get CTA to adopt the city's abandoned bike policy, with a local nonprofit getting the removed bikes.
The Council voted unanimously to request the CTA to establish a formal Bike and Ride budget.
 - f. **Chester Kropidlowski (T.Y. Lin)**
To comply with the Cubs 2004 Ordinance, the Cubs are providing free bike check service at the Cubs Red Lot for all Cubs games. Averaging 117 bikes parked per game. 271% increase since the inception of the service.
 - g. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Bike parking proposed at four CTA stations, complete with pumps, vending machines, and enclosed parking structures. Contractor has agreed to hold their prices until June 30. IDOT approval required by then in order for the project to proceed.
Motion to send thank-you letter or award to the contractor seconded and passed.

3. Updates – Chicago Bicycling Initiatives
 - a. **Anne Davis** (Mayor's Office of Special Events)
Thanked everyone for participating in the Bike to Work Day Rally on June 13. The Rally will keep extended hours in 2009.
 - b. **Bob Thompson** (Chicago Park District)
Maintenance on trails is moving along. Will have to paint markings again as thermoplastic is too expensive; painting will hopefully be done by mid July.
Question raised: What is the status of the Lakefront Trail near construction of the Spire?
 - c. **Rob Sadowsky** (Chicagoland Bicycle Federation)
Sunday Parkways: CBF is moving forward with this event, with MOSE and Police Department assistance. Two dates scheduled for 2008. \$300,000 has been raised. New York and San Francisco are also planning similar events.

- d. **Tom Murtha** (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)
Performance monitor hired. General census data indicates increase in cycle commuting: 11,000 commuters estimated daily. For planning purposes, greenways and trails are now incorporated into the regional plan. Major bike projects are being considered.
4. **Bicycling Ambassadors; Training & Enforcement Programs**
 - a. **Emily Willobee** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors are enjoying their biggest summer ever, with eight ambassadors. Four hundred events planned for four months. Right now they are attending 20 events a week. Later they will up it to 40 – 60 events a week. Junior Ambassador program is also successful, with 90% of the teenagers enrolled in the training program graduating (42 teens). Also, Chicago's 2008 motor vehicle sticker has a "Share the road" theme. "Share the Road" tips provided with the sticker.
 - b. **Jeff Rhodes** (Bicycling Ambassador)
Share the road/safe streets Chicago. At busy intersections, ambassadors can contact about 200 pedestrians, motorists and cyclists in 2 hours. Three-sided moving trailer transports gear to events and doubles as a moving billboard. Stickers and tri-folds are being distributed. Ambassadors are targeting behaviors such as riding on sidewalks and disobeying signals. Eventually they will enforce in conjunction with police warnings. Also targeting distracted drivers, setting up DMV visits, and compiling data.
 - c. **Amanda Woodall** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Conducting Share the Road training for CDOT's trolley drivers. The *Bike 2015 Plan's* enforcement strategies are being implemented by educating police officers on the new safety ordinance. Reviewing the Police Academy's curriculum for new police cadets, to determine what changes should be made. IDOT grant funding is available to produce a safety video, in partnership with the Police Department. The video will be screened in each of the city's twenty-five police districts.
 5. **On-Street Bikeways**
 - a. **Mike Amsden** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
CMAQ V(2) project – money left from the 2007 contract which will enable more installations in 2008. CMAQ 2009 project– seven miles more of marked shared lanes and eleven miles of bike lanes proposed for spring 2009. CMAQ 2010 project: still determining locations. Automated bike count equipment allows for 24 hour counts with pneumatic tubes. Selective tubes only pick up bikes. This hard data will be very convincing.
 - b. **Dave Miller** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Priority project: inspection of Chicago's on-street bikeway network. Approximately 140 miles to inspect; 40% completed. Most important is making sure that bikeway striping and pavement are returned to their original condition after construction is completed.
Question raised: What can be done about Sheridan alleys as they are an unofficial bikeway?
 - c. **David Gleason** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
Bike-friendly bridge treatments: Wells over the river, Cortland Avenue bridge, Harrison and Halsted all being treated. Bike lane taken out on Roosevelt should be back by late July. The 2008 bike map is now available.

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