

**Minutes of
Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
December 12, 2007**

1. **Luann Hamilton.** Welcome, introductions. Invited attendees to stay after the meeting to attend a presentation of Columbia College design students.

2. *Bike 2015 Plan* – Implementation of Chapters 7 & 8
 - a. **Amanda Woodall:** Seven Department of Revenue officers were trained in 2007 on enforcing Chicago's bike lane parking ordinance. CDOT to sponsor changes to the Chicago Municipal Code in 2008. Propose to make Chicago's laws consistent with recently approved state laws (3-foot passing rule; dooring) and to increase or introduce new fines.

 - b. **Mike Amsden:** Talked about the challenges in improving the Chicago Police Department's motorist crash reports. Will work with Amanda Woodall to incorporate better crash reporting practices as part of the new Chicago Police Department training module. Data is needed on bike-pedestrian and bike-bike crashes, and crashes on trails.

 - c. **Officer Jason Velchik:** During the winter, the Chicago Police Department's Bicycle Unit patrols the Loop, State Street and the north end of Michigan Avenue. The FBI is interested in having the Chicago Police Department train their agents on policing by bike.

 - d. **Ben Gomberg:** CDOT hopes to work with courier companies and building managers in 2008 to encourage consistent entrance and sign-in procedures, to make deliveries more efficient.

 - e. **Ben Gomberg:** Provided his annual report on the implementation of the *Bike 2015 Plan*. Meaningful work has begun on 75 of the 150 strategies in the plan. Will start working on new, key plan strategies in 2008.

3. Updates - Chicago Bicycling Initiatives
 - a. **Todd Bapton, CTA:** working to have the standard bus-bike racks become the CTA standard. Working with Chris Gagnon to have bike racks installed at CTA stations. Working with Amanda Woodall to develop a bike safety training module for bus operators. Hoping to include bike marketing material with student U-Pass transit card distribution and to recipients of the Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus. Motion passed asking the CTA to prioritize the repair of their bike racks.

 - b. **Bob Thompson, Chicago Park District:** discussed upgrades to the Lakefront Trail in Lincoln Park and at Recreation Drive - striping and landscaping will be finished in April. Trail lighting might come in 2008. A trail from Stony Island to the Lakefront Trail to be completed by the fall of

2008. A trail on 59th St. south of the Museum of Science and Industry to Stony Island also expected to be completed by the fall of 2008. Bob advised that a gap in the Major Taylor Trail will be closed soon since the Park District has purchased an empty lot that will connect the trail.

- c. **Anne Davis, Mayor's Office of Special Events:** discussed the Chicago Criterium, an event that will feature ten races from Big Wheel to Cat 5. Anne thanked CBF and SRAM for their support.
4. **David Gleason:** reported on Chicago bikeways installed in 2007. With the recently completed Dan Ryan reconstruction, the Roosevelt Road bikeway will be re-established; the Vincennes bike lane will not be re-established, however.
5. **Mike Amsden:** advised that there will be no on-street bikeways constructed in 2008 with CMAQ funding. Instead, five of the projects proposed for 2008 were striped in 2007; the other 20 projects will be established in 2009.
6. **Christopher Gagnon:** hopeful that 450 bike racks will be installed in 2007. Hired a student intern, Steven Vance. The two are working together to improve procedures and using technology to streamline program activities.
7. **Emily Willobee:** reported on the Bicycling Ambassadors program. Advised that Chicago's 2008 vehicle stickers will feature a cyclist with the slogan "Share the Road."

Charlie Short: reported on the After School Matters program, which is returning for a second year. Three instructors are returning; one new one will be hired.

8. **Keith Privett:** discussed CMAQ funded projects, including the Bloomingdale Trail and new bridge crossing Lake Shore Drive. Internal applications for CMAQ 2009 funding are due to him by January 3, 2008.

Julie Liska, a consultant from Bauer/Latoza working on the Millennium Park Bicycle Access Study, presented four possible routes from the Lakefront Trail to Millennium Park. These options will be narrowed to two and then presented to the Alderman and the Grant Park Advisory Committee for their consideration. **Ben Gombert** suggested to Julie and Keith that they do a quick informal survey of bike station users to determine which option(s) they prefer.

9. **Michael Zellman:** from SRAM Marketing introduced the SRAM mini-grant program, which is given to initiatives in and around Chicagoland that promote bicycling. **Arline Welty** at advised that the winners in 2007 were Bike Winter, Spin Cycle-Hand Cycle at the Schwab Rehab Center, West Town Bikes, and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association

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