



**NAPERVILLE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2011**

A. Call to Order

7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Jaynes, DiGiovine-Gehrs, Luhrs, Peterson, Stocke, Swanson, Wong,
Student Member Waked

Absent: Craighead, Nye, Student Member Dunk

Staff Present: Project Manager Rory Fancler, Project Engineer Jennifer Louden, Project
Engineer Sean Marquez

B. Public Forum Students from North Central College were in attendance to observe the meeting
as part of an assignment for a business communications class.

C. Minutes Approve the minutes from the February 21, 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion by: Stocke

Second by: Luhrs

Approved

(7-0)

D. Correspondence

D1. Evaluation of Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Requests (March 5, 2011 TAB Agenda Item)

Louden noted that the intersection priorities recommendation by the APS
Advisory Committee was approved by TAB (9-0).

D2. FY11-12 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Program (April 9, 2011 TAB Agenda Item)

Louden noted that the FY11-12 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Program was
approved by TAB (10-0).

E. Old Business

E1. Naperville Biking Map & Guide

Louden stated that the city worked with the Naperville Park District to update the
Naperville Biking Map & Guide. The city purchased 6,400 copies of the map
and will distribute the maps at city and park district offices, libraries and bike
shops.

F. New Business

F1. 2012 Annual New Sidewalk Program

Project Manager Rory Fancier provided an overview of the 2012 Annual New Sidewalk Program. There are currently 368 gaps, totaling 64 miles, in the city's sidewalk network. The purpose of the Annual New Sidewalk Program is to programmatically install sidewalk in the gap locations. Locations for new sidewalk are chosen using a priority system based on a number of criteria. Two programs, A and B, are proposed for 2012 based on different levels of funding. The city is also seeking a Safe Routes to School grant to fund eligible segments within the program.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Discussion:

- Peterson asked for clarification on proposed Programs A and B. Fancier responded that for the 2012 Annual New Sidewalk Program, staff is recommending an increased level of funding. If approved by City Council, Programs A and B will be implemented at an estimated cost of \$300,000. If the additional funding is not approved, only Program A will be implemented at an estimated cost of \$164,000.
- DiGiovine-Gehrs and Wong requested additional information regarding the Safe Routes to School grant program. Fancier responded that the maximum funding amount possible is \$250,000 and that the selection criteria vary. The city has unsuccessfully applied for this funding in the past. Marquez added that the city's current application is the strongest application submitted to date.
- Swanson requested information regarding the city's practice for providing pedestrian detours when sidewalks are under construction. Marquez responded that the city has a practice of keeping one side of the street open to the extent possible and to provide detour notification at crossing points. Swanson responded that the ideal condition would be to provide a temporary sidewalk in the street so that pedestrians do not have to cross and that the city should improve its practice in the coming years.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee moved to approve the recommendation establishing the 2012 Annual New Sidewalk Program.

Motion by: Luhrs
Seconded by: Wong

Approved
(7-0)

F2. Bike Month 2011

Louden provided an overview of the plans for Bike Month 2011, which will take place in June:

- The June utility bill insert will include information regarding Bike Month activities and will promote the availability of the Naperville Biking Map & Guide.
- The city will participate in the Bike to Metra Commuter Challenge with

the Active Transportation Alliance and DuPage County. The event will take place at the Naperville Metra Station on June 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Any person who commutes by bike to the train station will receive a gift bag.

- A BPAC meeting will be held on June 20, 2011.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Discussion:

- Luhrs commented that he was recently in Auburn, AL, a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community, when they held their annual Bike Bash. The event blocked off streets within their central business district and was geared towards teaching elementary age children about bicycling. Luhrs suggested that the city consider events of this type in the future and questioned if Safety Town could be used.
- Stocke agreed that the city should pursue these types of events in the future and noted that any events could include bicycle recycling/refurbishing activities such as those done by Working Bikes.
- Jaynes agreed that the city should look to increase education and encouragement activities in upcoming years.

F3. Green Earth Fair

Luhrs and Stocke provided an overview of the feedback and questions they received during the Green Earth Fair on May 1, 2011:

- The installation of pedestrian and bicycle accommodations along the south Washington Street bridge over the DuPage River needs to be a priority.
- A direct bicycle connection should be made along Washington Street between Ring Road and Royce Road. Some bicyclists would like to use this as a more direct route than following the DuPage River Trail through Knoch Knolls Park.
- The portion of the DuPage River Trail along Knoch Knolls Road should be continued beyond Knoch Knolls Park to provide a direct connection to 95th Street.
- Residents were interested in plans for connections to other towns.
- A greater number of fair attendees biked to the event this year, which can be attributed to the completion of DuPage River Trail Segment 4.

G. Next Meeting June 20, 2011

H. Adjournment Motion by: DiGiovine-Gehrs
Seconded by: Stocke

7:45 p.m.