

Minneapolis BAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
4 PM – 6 PM
Minneapolis City Hall – Room 333

1. Member Sign-in (4:00 – 4:05)
2. Approve BAC Agenda and Minutes (4:05-4:10, see Attachment 1)
3. Introductions (4:10 – 5:00)
4. BAC Orientation (5:00 – 5:30)
 - Contacts
 - Oath
 - Ethics Training (<http://mpls-ethics.appspot.com/main>)
 - Purpose of the BAC
 - Bylaws
 - Meeting Schedule
 - City Organization
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Section
 - BAC Accomplishments
 - Work Underway
5. Process of electing BAC Chairs, Robin Garwood (5:30 – 5:35)
6. Visioning Exercise, Ciara Schlichting (5:35 – 5:55, see Attachment 2)

Please see Attachment 2 and begin thinking about your response in preparation for the meeting. Some time will be allotted to complete this task during the meeting.
7. Announcements (5:55 – 6:00)

Next BAC Meetings:

Thursday, July 10, Education, Encouragement & Enforcement Subcommittee

Tuesday, July 15, Engineering Subcommittee

Wednesday, July 16, Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 23, Whole Committee

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 4 PM – 6 PM
Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: Hayat Ahmed, Richard Anderson, Joe Bernard, Simon Blenski, Ginger Cannon, Bill Dooley, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Bob Hain, Roy Hallanger, Joshua Houdek, Chris Linde, Will Lumpkins, Dan MacLaughlin, Nick Mason, Juana Sandoval, Ciara Schlichting, Scott Snelling, Sarah Stewart, Peter Wagenius, Lindsey Wallace, Georgianna Yantos, Kelley Yemen

Members Absent: Brian Funk, Gina Mitteco, Gary Nelson, Greg Sautter (excused), Jose Luis Villaseñor (excused)

Others Present: Mackenzie Turner Bargen, Lisa Bender, Jeremy Bergerson, Billy Binder, Charlie Gillmer, Forrest Hardy, Will Mackaman, Michael Peterka

No Actions

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was chaired by Nick Mason. Since Officers will not be elected until next month, the former Leadership will perform as “Acting Officers” for the present. The Agenda and May Minutes were unanimously accepted.

1. **Introductions** Instead of our usual brief introductions, each member spent a minute or two introducing themselves and explaining why they joined the BAC.
2. **Welcome to the BAC from the City Council** from Lisa Bender
 - Before her election to the City Council this year, Lisa had been a member of the BAC.
 - She is Chair of the Council Zoning and Planning Committee.
 - Several City Council members are bicycle advocates.
 - She emphasized the importance of our leadership in promoting bicycling in the city.
 - This year’s Council agenda includes approving the Protected Bikeway Plan and creating a process to better enable the city to be proactive about including bicycle and pedestrian improvements in projects.
3. **BAC Orientation** led by various members of the Leadership Team
 - Simon Blenski led off with some housekeeping items.
 - **Contact Information:** a sheet was passed around with our names, phone numbers and email addresses for us to check. Simon gave us his contact information.

- **Oath:** we were asked to sign an oath required for all city advisory committee members.
- **Ethics Training:** all BAC members must complete online ethics training.
- **Purpose of the BAC** led by Ciara Schlichting
 - Our purposes are to promote commuter and recreational cycling, advocate for bicycling infrastructure improvements, encourage riding safely, and to involve people interested in bicycling issues from throughout the city.
 - We are an advisory committee that serves the Mayor, City Council and Park Board.
 - We function as a liaison to bicyclists, businesses, neighborhoods, council members and other communities and agencies.
- **Bylaws** led by Paul Frenz
 - Paul passed around a copy of the BAC Bylaws.
 - A Quorum is half the membership.
 - Non-city-employee members may be dropped after 3 unexcused absences.
 - Email Simon and/or the Chair if you can't attend a meeting.
 - Our meetings are open to the public.
- **Meeting Schedule** led by Paul Frenz
 - The full Committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.
 - 3E Subcommittee meets on the second Thursday and Engineering Subcommittee meets on the third Tuesday.
 - Attendance at one of our two subcommittees is encouraged.
 - Peter Wagenius encouraged us to attend subcommittees, saying that our influence as a committee is related to our involvement.
 - Meeting dates are revised in November and December.
- **City Organization** led by Robin Garwood and Simon
 - Robin presented a complicated city organizational chart, highlighting the departments important for bicycling issues which include Public Works, Health and Family Support, CPED, Park Board, and Finance Dept.
 - The most important City Council Committee for us is the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
 - The Park Board has its own organizational chart which Ginger will explain to us at another meeting.
 - In addition to Mayor, City Council and Park Board, we have also made recommendations to Hennepin County, the 3 Rivers Park District, the Met Council and even the City of St. Paul.
 - Robin discussed a chart of the divisions within Public Works. Transportation Planning and Engineering does the big planning. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Section is currently under Traffic and Parking.
- **Bicycle/Pedestrian Section** introduced by Simon
 - There is currently no Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator.
 - Simon is acting coordinator for bicycling.
 - Mackenzie is staffing the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
 - Forrest Hardy plans Safe Routes to Schools.
- **BAC Accomplishments** presented by Nick Mason
 - A list of accomplishments was distributed (see Appendix).

- There has been a BAC for over 20 years but it was reorganized in 2010.
 - We rewrote and reviewed the Bicycle Master Plan.
 - We supported and helped hire the city's first bike/ped coordinator.
 - We follow up on bicycle issues to help make the city accountable.
 - **Work Underway** led by Simon
 - Lots of documents are in place that guide city staff.
 - Bike Master Plan adopted in 2011. It includes a map of planned infrastructure.
 - Planning in progress includes a Complete Streets Policy, Protected Bikeways Network and the Hennepin County Bike Plan.
4. **BAC Leadership Election Process** led by Robin Garwood
- We will hold elections at next month's meeting.
 - Officers are: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Subcommittee Chairs.
 - Send an email to the whole group if you are interested in any of these offices.
5. **Visioning Exercise** led by Ciara Schlichting
- We were given 5 minutes to write down our dreams for the perfect bicycling city of the future.
 - People were each given 15 seconds to share their responses with the group.
 - Ciara collected the written responses.
6. **Announcements**
- Nick reported that CLIC was asked to include \$750,000 each for a Protected Bikeways Network and also for the North Minneapolis Greenway. Sarah Stewart explained that many community coordinators were not happy with the proposal and that there will be a meeting Friday to discuss the issue.
 - Joshua Houdek provided a Brackett Park update: project is still moving forward with construction planned for early August.
 - Joshua also announced that there will be a "Railvolution" conference in September concerned with building a livable community around transit.
 - Billy Binder said that Hennepin County has slowed down their Bike Plan process. Preliminary approval is now planned for December. There is now more time for us to provide input, which is important.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner.

APPENDIX: Minneapolis BAC Accomplishments

Reviewed and wrote sections of the current Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan

Supported and helped to hire the city's first pedestrian and bicycle coordinator

Worked with partners including Minneapolis Public Schools and Metro Transit to educate commercial drivers and bicyclists about sharing the road with each other

Provided input to the city's Climate Change Action Plan that included 30 miles of new protected bikeways by 2020, which was adopted by City Council in 2013

Reviewed and provided input to the city's first to bicyclist-motorist crash analysis

Supported the launch of the city's first public bicycle safety campaign

Helped develop the city's first public bicycle map

Helped to support the beginnings and growth of Open Streets as a city accepted and funded activity

Endorsed plans to construct the Intercity Regional Trail to connect south Minneapolis with the southern metro

Sent a Memorandum to Hennepin County summarizing research and data showing the safety of cycletracks

Supported statewide bike law changes, including limiting parking in bike lanes, complete streets, and lower speed limits

Provided CLIC with feedback on bicycle facility maintenance funding

Supported improved conditions for bicycles, including Cycle Tracks on Minnehaha Ave

Assisted city staff with the development of bicycle lane closure and detour guidelines

Reviewed and provided technical input for many bike lanes, trails, and bicycle boulevards that have been successfully installed

