

CITY OF BATAVIA
Batavia Bicycle Commission Meeting
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Monday, July 8, 2019

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: John Gamble, Amy Moore, Steve Ericksen, Joanne Spitz, Matt Knowles, Randy Deicke, John Burnham, Scott Brasel, Jack Gillerlain
2. Absent: Emil Jensen, Matt Knowles, Jen Ress, Karen Cerveny, Dave Pedersen, Joe Runde
3. Approved Minutes
4. Jack Gillerlain presented his company, Recycle, and his product- prototype is a litter box on wood that can be attached to back of bike to pick up litter while riding. Group offered ideas on design. Idea to put 2 boxes on bike, 1 for each side. Idea to attach with bungee cords. Look for grants for producing his bike clean up product. He carries a pickup stick. Ideas of groups Jack can contact for help:
Friends of the Great Western Trail
Friends of the Illinois Prairie Trail
Environmental Commission (tie in with Earth Day)
Fermi employee/biker: Dave Peterson (he rides to work every day; built a snow shovel on his bike to clear about 2 feet of snow as he rides).
Ed Barsotti: Director of Ride Illinois (retiring this year).

Joanne will send him contact info for some of these.
5. Fit For Kids Grant: No more info from Fit for Kids. Scott will contact Michael. Once we have info, Joanne and Scott will work on recommendations for purchasing bike racks, scooter racks and signs to place by bike racks. Joanne will work with BPS101 and city for signage. WE NEED IDEAS FOR WHAT WE WANT SIGNS TO SAY: can be info on where to ride/small maps, safety info, health benefits of riding.
6. Bikes For Batavia: All bikes were picked up that BBC got ready! We have 2 requests outstanding for 2 adult male bikes. Friend has 5 bikes to donate from S Elgin-Karen kindly offered to pick up. We continue to get donations.
7. Division of responsibility: Continue to discuss jobs for all commissioners and getting community involvement. Amy/Steve did recruit Abby Beck! Added Matt to Bikes for Batavia. As discussed last month:

Topics to Assign:

1. Bikes for Batavia : Joanne, Matt
2. Bicycle Friendly Businesses: Karen, Joe, Batavia Main Street
3. Social Media/Marketing: John B, Scott
4. Community Chair/Events/Outreach (connected to Social Media/Marketing): Joe, Scott (includes 2nd Fridays, Farmers Market, Bike to Work Day, B. Apt event, Fermi event, Bike giveaway on 2nd Fridays at ASU)
5. Bike Share Program: Steve, John G, Pete, Joanne and City

Infrastructure: Steve talked to Laura Newman. A map will be made with all ideas and plans in place from the city. Then, will ask community for input.

Route 31: city will do a 2020 engineering study for viability of a road diet.

8. Prairie project: July 16th, city council will discuss this again. The Mayor wants sharrows and not a dedicated bike lane. Wants to keep parking. BBC will recommend city stays with original plan to add a bike lane. If not possible, we recommend a shared parking/bike lane. Scott and Joanne will be at meeting. Steve will draft a letter stating BBC stance and we can all share with alderpersons.
9. Bike Share Program: Ryan will speak at COW meeting on July 9th. Will discuss financials, overall idea of program and need for a Memorandum of Understanding from the city. BBC needs to recommend locations, sponsors, community support/involvement. Our top choices for locations:
 1. Near City Hall, just south by pedestrian bridge
 2. River Street
 3. Library
 4. Batavia Park District buildingsOthers: WSS, Quarry, Funway, Depot Museum, ALDI headquarters or store (Joanne sent email to ALDI about program)
10. Social Media: John Burnham is working on social media. Website is a little hard to use, as we do not pay for it; limited use. Have facebook, twitter, instagram. Several administrators now on Facebook so we can all post and comment.

John will take photos of each commissioner at next meeting...arrive at 6:30 and wear your Batavia bike jersey.

Karen: Want to see if Karen can contact friend about getting new bike shirts, button down.
11. Group Bicycle rides: John shared letter from upset driver, behind a bike group last Sunday. He will respond...we are trying to educate bikers and drivers, need patience, it is a problem that city/police need to address.

12. Agenda items for August: Ideas to request funds for BBC in city budget: Update bike plan, bike to work funds, signage for bike routes around town.

Other comments: Scott knows Jacob Girmscheid, who works for Underwood. Our bike to school work will be featured in the SRTS website about the day. Joanne contacted the city about asking KDOT to post when trail on west side is closed for work on the bridge being built near the Fabyan Villa.



I did this during an adventure race in Batavia!



Another idea for the Farmer's Market!!!