



BIKEEDINA

October 10, 2013 Meeting Notes

Present: Brad Schaeppi, Don Eyberg, Tom Randall, Rob Erickson, Sally Dunn, Peter Kelley, Lori Richman, Ellen Jones

Absent: Marty Mathis, Larry Olson

Guest(s): Mark Nolan, City of Edina; Carl Sledgister

Recorded by: Ellen Jones

I. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Meeting agenda was approved.

III. Action items

- a. BETF bylaws—Members discussed a change in the mission statement and expectations for members to participate on one or more subcommittee and to attend meetings. A motion was made to approve the bylaws as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. BETF membership—Members discussed a draft membership roster and member terms. In order to standardize terms of membership and maintain continuity, members were assigned a one, two, or three year term (to prevent all members from rolling off in the same year). At the end of the term, a member may request reappointment to a standard term, which is three years. There are currently four openings. Jennifer will revise the membership application and send out a press release. A motion was

made to adopt the membership roster and member terms. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Elect vice-chair—A motion was made to elect Lori Richman as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Park Board involvement in BETF—Ellen Jones resigned her membership in BETF as Park Board representative. She will contact the Park Board Chair to seek a replacement. If no member of the Park Board is able to fulfill membership requirements, then the BETF is willing to accept a Park Board representative as a liaison with the goal of communicating interrelated topics to both groups. If no one on the Park Board is able to be a liaison, Ellen is willing to be the liaison and attend regular meetings whenever she can.
- e. Resignation—Peter announced that Kirk Johnson has resigned, but will continue to be involved as his other obligations permit.

IV. Discussion items

- a. BETF status—Members discussed three options: 1) become a working group of the ETC; 2) be advisory to the Transportation Planner (similar to the City Manager’s Communications Advisory Committee, which meets at the request of the City Manager to discuss a specific topic); or 3) continue as we are, but with the understanding that the BETF is an independent organization not under the City’s umbrella. Mark Nolan would serve as staff liaison to our group, similar to how a Parks Department staff member serves as a liaison to youth sports associations. Discussion included concerns about liability and the need to get clarity from the City Council about how the Council views our status. Members discussed becoming a working group of the ETC and, by consensus, determined that we are not interested in that option. Members discussed becoming an ad hoc advisory group to staff and decided that we are not interested in that option. Mark Nolan will seek further information from Manager Neal, especially as it relates to liability, and get back to us. Lori will ask other

bike organizations how they handle insurance and how they are organized. The QBP mini summit on November 13 will be a good time to connect with these other groups.

- b.** BETF focus for 2013/2014—A motion was made to adopt the proposed four focus areas for the current year (to October 2014): Complete the Bicycle Friendly Community application (Tom, Larry, Sally); Active Routes To School (Rob, Larry, Brad, Jennifer [to start]); Infrastructure Improvements (Jennifer, Brad, Peter); and Education and Outreach (Lori, Don, Peter). Subcommittees are also open to community members. Subcommittees should develop a purpose statement, general scope of work and specific goals and bring these to our next meeting. The motion to adopt these focus areas and create subcommittees was approved unanimously.
- c.** W. 54th Street design scenarios—Members were encouraged to fill out the survey on design scenarios ASAP. Sally said that she bikes W. 54th regularly and that the east section is wide enough to accommodate parking and still provide enough room for cyclists. Jennifer said ETC will discuss the design options at their meeting on October 17.
- d.** 9MCRT master plan—Members were encouraged to submit comments on the plan ASAP. Comments are due October 17.

V. Updates

- a.** ETC—No news.
- b.** Activities of other bicycle advocacy groups
- c.** Upcoming meetings or events
 - i.** Bikeable Community Workshop—October 23, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Edina Public Works
 - ii.** QBP mini summit—November 13. Summit will start at 4:00 p.m. with presentation/discussion on the Hennepin County bike plan update, followed by meeting between members of bike advocacy groups from Bloomington, Richfield and Edina.

VI. Our next meeting — November 14 (10 min.)

- a.** Hennepin County Bike Plan Update—Sierra Saunders from Community Design Group will share information and seek input on the Hennepin County bike plan update. Members discussed inviting members of the ETC, Planning and Park Boards to this meeting. Mark will look into sending out invites. A larger room—possibly Council Chambers—will be needed.
- b.** Joint meeting with ETC at 6:30—Members discussed holding a joint meeting with the ETC and decided to wait until December.

VII. Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.