



Bike Edina Task Force: News & Meeting Outcomes

August 8, 2013

- **Present:** Sally Dunn, Rob Erickson, Don Eyberg, Jennifer Janovy, Larry Olson
 - **Absent:** Marty Mathis, Kirk Johnson, Carl Follstad, Tom Randall, Peter Kelley, Lori Richman, Brad Shaeppi, Carl Follstad
 - **Guests:** Tim Sudieth
 - **Recorded by:** Jennifer Janovy
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Lacking a quorum, the group had an informal discussion about organizational structure, meetings, mission, and goals.

Members discussed:

- The need to set goals for the organization
- Desire for more action-oriented meetings
- Setting up subcommittees to work on action items between meetings
- Need for new members
- Need for existing members to commit to attend meetings and work on projects
- Rotating leadership positions
- Adopting the bylaws
- Wanting clarity on BETF status with the city—desire to become advisory to the Transportation Planner
- Meeting in different locations, such as members' homes
- Adding social component to meetings—such as a bike ride once a year or other activity

Members acknowledged that there has been significant progress toward making Edina a more bicycle friendly community. Some milestones:

- City Council adopting the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan (Bike Plan) and including the Bike Plan in the City's Comprehensive Plan
- City Council approving a revised Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) ordinance that specifically gives the ETC a multimodal focus
- City Council ordering a Living Streets policy (policy to be presented to the City Council for adoption in August 2013)
- Addition of ? miles of on-street bicycle facilities

- City Council authorizing franchise fees on natural gas and electricity, with revenue from these fees dedicated to bike and pedestrian improvements (PACS Fund)
- Addition of new Transportation Planner staff position

Members also acknowledged ongoing challenges:

- Need for better communication with general public about bike safety and rules of the road
- Need for clearer bike facility standards and for facilities to be brought up to those standards
- Need for better communication/working relationship with the Edina Police Department related to education and enforcement
- Need for better communication/working relationship with Public Works related to facility maintenance
- Need for clarity about our role within the City—do we provide value? How can we provide value?

The following ideas were suggested as goals:

- Work with City and school district on implementing new Active Routes to School recommendations (report to be finalized in September)
- Complete Bicycle Friendly Community application
- Work with City on setting standards for bike facilities (may be part of Living Streets plan development)
- Work on updating the Bike Plan
- Education and outreach, including Bike Rodeo
- Building relationships with other bicycle groups, such as Richfield and Bloomington

The group discussed the roles and responsibilities of a chair and vice-chair. The chair would have responsibilities for leading meetings and interacting with City Hall. The vice-chair would oversee working groups that are working toward defined goals.

Next steps:

September meeting will be at Larry's (6808 Cornelia Drive) on Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.