

# Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 4 PM**

**Members Present:** Aaron Shaffer, Adrienne Bockheim, Janice Gepner, Arman Rajaeian, Elissa Schufman, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Kadence Novak, Philipp Muessig, Jesse Thorsen, Natalie Wagner, Deanna Newman, Marty Grimes, Millicent Flowers, Dan Boody, Matthew Hendricks, Jenny Bordon, Heather Gillich, Jordan Kocak, Bri Whitcraft, Dan Miller, Karl Hedlund, Maya Sheikh, Steve Elmer, Tyler Pederson

**Staff:** Chris Kartheiser

**Members absent:** John Barobs, Abdi Salah, Greg Sautter, Georgianna Yantos, Joey Senkyr

The meeting was called to order by BAC Chair Elissa Schufman; the January Agenda was approved. The December Minutes were accepted.

Adoption of Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes

## Reports

### **5E Subcommittee Report presented by Heather Gillich and Bri Whitcraft**

#### **CIP Overview and Equity Discussion**

1. Explored different options for how to write the CIP resolution, and ultimately utilized a hybrid approach of incorporating language from past resolutions informed by new discussion in late 2021 and 2022.
2. Chris shared timeline: CLIC receives report from Public Works in April, so recommendation is to approve a resolution either this month (January) or next month (February) in order for staff to review and incorporate.
3. Phil would add connections to business districts to support local companies.
4. Elissa thanks members for their time and effort.
5. Heather will send a working document out according to open meeting law Bcc'ing BAC members to form a smaller committee that is less than 16 members (quorum) to edit the resolution.

## **Engineering Subcommittee Report presented by Marty Grimes and Dan Miller**

### **Cedar-Isles Park Master Plan Concepts ACTION**

1. Marty Grimes motioned to discuss draft resolution, seconded by Aaron Shaffer.
2. Suggestion to narrow and reduce Cedar Lake Parkway to one-way traffic to allow for space to support active transportation facility expansion.

*Resolution passes (18 ayes, 5 abstentions)*

### **Hennepin Ave Reconstruction (30% design) ACTION**

1. Janice provided an overview of the proposed design configuration, which includes a bi-directional bikeway, transit-only lanes, and reduced driving lanes with medians and restricted left-hand turns. There's strong business opposition due to the parking removal.
2. Phil added the design is a classic 4-to-3 lane conversion with modeled traffic and speed impacts, which showed little negative impacts to travel speed with more green infrastructure and active transportation facilities.
3. Elissa clarified that Hennepin Avenue is both a Ward 7 and Ward 10 project on the boundary. There are currently 300 parking spaces on Hennepin Avenue but 3,000 along side streets and at parking ramps and the existing on-street parking on Hennepin Avenue is not even currently fully utilized.
4. Phil motioned to discuss draft resolution, seconded by Matthew Dyr Dahl.
5. Matthew Dyr Dahl points to existing plan goals to install bike parking with all CIP reconstruction.
6. Bri wants to know if bike parking spots have already been designated or broadly identified.

*Resolution passes (19 ayes, 2 abstentions)*

### **Graco Park Design ACTION**

1. Dan Marshall moved to discuss the draft resolution, seconded by Janice Gepner.

*Resolution passes (18 ayes, 3 abstentions)*

### **Whittier/Lyndale Bikeway issue ACTION**

1. This action was brought to the attention of the BAC by Aaron about the section of completed bikeway closed to all users and is not being maintained through winter.
2. Aaron Shaffer moved to discuss the draft resolution, seconded by Dan Boody.

3. Kadence asked about what's possible regarding expectations of how the section could be brought back to rideable conditions with lack of winter maintenance to this point, and what design measures can be implemented during winter conditions such as paint or other temporary signage.
4. Elissa suggested possible creative solutions such as designating a travel lane for vehicles for people on bikes through winter.

*Resolution passes (17 ayes, 4 abstentions)*

## **Discussion**

1. Year End Review, Chris Kartheiser
2. Social Activities, Elissa Schufman
3. Staffing Announcements, Matthew Dyr Dahl

## **Announcements**

- The BAC social is this Saturday, January 29th. Full details sent via email.
- Jordan Kocak shared that there are Hennepin County Active Transportation Committee openings and the application is live.

Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kadence Novak.