

Brookings Bicycling Advisory Committee
December 3, 2015 Minutes

A meeting of the Brookings Bicycling Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Brookings City and County Government Center. Members present: Caleb Finck, Ben Vukovich, Joanie Holm, Steve Paula, Vern Olson and Meghan Thoreau. Members absent: Emily Braun, Van Fishback and Julie Hendricks. Liaisons: Mike Lockrem, SDSU & Sustainability Council and Steve Berseth, Park and Recreation Board. City staff present: Jackie Lanning, City Engineer; Mike Struck, Community Development Director; Shari Thornes, City Clerk; Darren Hoff, Recreation Manager and Laurie Carruthers, Communications Specialist.

Chair Caleb Finck called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. A motion was made by Thoreau, seconded by Holm, to approve the agenda. All present voted yes; motion carried. A motion was made by Paula, seconded by Vukovich, to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes. All present voted yes; motion carried.

Schedule next meeting. Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ 4 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports.

Infrastructure

Bike lane recommendation for 6th Street – Finck presented a draft recommendation from the Bicycle Advisory Committee to the City Council. He defined protected (with a physical barrier) vs. buffered (marking by sign or paint) bike lanes. He asked the Committee for input if the recommendation should be for all streets or if there should be exceptions. Discussion pursued regarding the classification of streets: major & minor arterials and major & minor collectors, and if there should be a standard for all or certain particular streets.

A motion was made by Paula, seconded by Holm, to present the recommendation to the City Council with an immediate focus on 6th Street.

Discussion: Community Development Director Struck advised that 6th Street at 22nd Avenue is scheduled for construction in 2017.

A friendly amendment was made by Thoreau, seconded by Holm, to add an immediate focus on 6th Street, future consideration for 22nd Avenue and Main Avenue South.

A friendly amendment was made by Holm, seconded by Vukovich, to remove the 30 mph reference.

Recreation Manager Hoff asked if it was the state's decision. Lanning confirmed the state decides, and the city would pay for any enhancements. Snow removal is a concern with a protected barrier. Thoreau advised that St. Paul, MN; Fort Collins, CO and Boulder, CO have winter conditions with bike lanes. Struck commented that if protected bike lanes were installed, gaps for driveways would need to be addressed.

Guest Caleb Evenson commented that safety is the number one issue, not snow removal. If buffered bike lanes are installed, motorists would drive on the bike lanes. Bobcats can be used for snow removal.

A motion was made by Holm, seconded by Vukovich, to remove the word buffered from the recommendation and define the phrase protected bike lane as a physical barrier. All present voted yes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Holm, seconded by Paula, to approve the recommendation with the noted revisions. All present voted yes; motion carried.

Draft Facilities List for Bike Racks – Currently, none of the city facilities meet the standards for bike racks. Another category needs to be added identifying frequency of use.

Draft Bike Rack Standards – The standards for Madison, WI; San Francisco, CA; Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN were considered when the bike rack standards were drafted. Visual examples need to be added to the standards identifying compliant vs. noncompliant.

Community Support – The subcommittee will meet the following week.

Discussion regarding formalizing the Committee. Finck provided an overview of the steps to formalize the committee include setting term limits and reviewing other standards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Carruthers