



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

September 16, 2020

7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Bill Nieman, Rita Nathanson, Michelle Dunlap, Laurel Salvador + Guests: Dan Nielsen, + Bob Van Valzah

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: No one had seen the August minutes, so this was skipped

III. Public Comment:

A. Introductions for two new candidates for the Wheaton Bicycle Advisory Commission:

- Dan Nielsen is a teacher. He rides bikes from mountain to trail to street. He bikes to school every day and does 20-30 mi rides routinely. He organizes Bike to School Day every year. He has a common frustration to cyclists: lack of respect for bike riders on our roads.
- Bob Van Valzah is a software engineer. He commutes to the train by bike and from the train station to work by bike. He rides a 20 mi loop through the forest preserves every other day and does a trip to Elgin on the weekend for about 500 mi/mo of riding.
 - Both Dan and Bob shared ideas for the bike committee, including starting a "Divy" program in Wheaton, designating bike riding zones with green paint lanes, and adding a QR Code to download the Wheaton Bike Map at places like the bike racks and on the map itself

IV. Chair Report: None.

V. Ongoing Business:

- 2021 WBAC Budget – the members present agreed that a budget of \$2,500 would be adequate for the 2021 year in order to fund more maps and a 2021 Bike Festival
- (Virtual) History Ride (Michelle Dunlap)
 - Reviewed the plan for documenting the 2019 Underground Railroad history ride

- Bill, Rita, Nancy, Michelle will meet photographer at designated sites with Dan doing the narration
- Bicycling in Central Business District – “Walk Your Wheels Campaign”
 - we discussed this: everyone agrees that we should support the city code against wheels on the new sidewalks; and everyone agrees that making the streets safer for biking will help keep people off the walks. Rita and Bill will support the French Market education event, but need specifics including times/dates and material to distribute
- Cycling Signage (Michelle)
 - City has started to remove incorrect signage and install new signage; let’s take out wrong directions even if it takes a while to fix with new ones; exception for Cantigny multipart signs – remove for now and Michelle will keep track of the state of repair. Working with sign shop supervisor!

VI. New Business:

- Can we find “Biking Around Wheaton” shirts for Dan (XL) and Bob (L)

VII. Upcoming meetings: Wednesday October 21st, 2020 Wednesday November 18th, 2020