

Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
January 9, 2014

Attending: Bill Merrylees, Sasha Bianchi, Jon Budreski, Anthony Mennona, Alex Prolman, Hannah Reckhow

Meeting began at 8:07

Working Group Update

Infrastructure:

- RFP for master plan was issued last night. Pedestrian language has been added back in, although it is still a bike-focused project. This small change will help the Pedestrian Committee as they pursue the Walk Friendly Community status.

Education:

- Discussed reviving Sunday Bike ride series back up again and brainstormed destinations (cafes in area). This would be volunteer led, planned for March, and centered on education.
- Discussed using website as educational vehicle – Nancy shared PSAs, Alex is working with them, potential for use on radio. Is there another vehicle for messaging (outside of facts on website)? Per's Streetsblog?
- Discussed plans for a ride of silence (May 21st) in memory of people who have been injured or killed on bike. It is a national event.
- Discussed Bike Festival in September – what are the outreach pieces we want to include in this event?
- Discussed reviving Boomer Bike rides – series at senior center
- Nancy is getting in touch with driving teacher at U32

Lobbying/public meeting law regulations

Alex updated the committee on what the Bike Committee can do to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition in pushing for a bill around penalties for impaired driving. Best course of action: Formally pass recommendation, bring to City Council, and receive approval from Council.

Feedback Report

Hannah presented the Feedback Report provided by the League of American Bicyclists from the City's Bicycle Friendly Community application. The recommendations are consistent with the work that the Committee has been focused on; the report will be incorporated into the working groups' focus.

The committee discussed the suggestion in the report to appoint a staff member as a Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator. It was noted that the VISTAs cannot fill that role, and ideally a permanent staff member would.

Repaving Discussion

The committee discussed the repaving of Berlin Street this year. Jon noted that the DWP had not been planning on it, and suggested the committee push for it. The committee discussed lane, parking, and marking options for State Street. Bill brought up the 'lessons learned' from the current paving of Berlin Street: that it is important to look at proposed designs, miscommunications between the committee and DPW surrounding what 'bike friendly' means.

There was also some discussion of the longevity of paint and potential temporary additions, such as divider cones.

Bill will send committee satellite photo of State Street to illustrate difference in position of sharrow.

Jessie will be invited to discuss repaving efforts. Infrastructure working group will meet to develop agenda points, although everyone can email in points.

Meeting ended at 9:08