

Richfield Bicycle Master Plan Task Force

Wednesday April 14, 2010
7:00 pm – Richfield Public Works Garage

Minutes

Task Force Members and Staff Attending: Robyn Wiesman, Sara Nutter, Gail Lund, Dan Edgerton, Bob Hall, Chris Olson, David Gepner, Robert Rimstad, Charles Hile, Pam Hile, Dick Weber, Joel Schnell, Andrew Hartle, Thomas Scherber, Kevin Gregerson, Beth Gieseke, Edward Thom, Carol Pease, Erica Tobola, Molly Illes, Tom Birkelo, Jeff Pearson, Kristin Asher, Jim Topitzhofer

Others Attending: Martin Kirsch, Fred Wroge

1. Introduction Items

- *Jeff Pearson introduced himself and other staff and asked attendees to sign in. He noted that future agenda and other info will be circulated by email and posted on the website.*
- *Martin Kirsch, Chair of the Transportation Commission welcomed everyone and explained the decision of the Commission to create the task force and that the goal is to create a comprehensive bicycle master plan that can be approved by the City Council for use in future implementation projects.*
- *Jim Topitzhofer discussed the use of a task force for other projects and what was involved as well as what the expectations should be.*

2. Background Items

- *Pearson presented a summary on past efforts by both Richfield and other agencies. Specific topics included Hennepin County Bikeway Gaps, 2005 Bike Survey, 2007 Bikeway Plan, 2009 Arterial Study and Neighboring City Plans of Minneapolis, Edina, & Bloomington.*

3. Current and Future Plans

- *Pearson went over the current Non-Motorized Transportation Projects and what has been done so far with them. He also spoke about the upcoming Metro Sewer Project Street Reconstruction, the proposed Three Rivers Park District Regional Trails, and the possible County Road Reconstruction timeline.*

4. Organization Items

- *Topitzhofer discussed the typical organization of a task force and asked for Chair and Co-chair nominations. David Gepner was nominated for Chair, Sara Nutter was nominated for Co-Chair. Motions were made for accepting Gepner and Nutter for those respective positions. Motions passed unanimously.*

5. Future Meeting Dates / Time / Location

- *General consensus was for the meeting date to remain the 2nd-Wednesday of the month at 7:00p.m.*
- *Topitzhofer stated he will check on the possibility of hosting the meeting at the Community Center. After the meeting it was discovered there are conflicts at the Community Center so the meetings will remain at the Garage Lunchroom.*

6. **Process**

- ***Council Member Wroge spoke briefly about Council expectations and the ability to approve what gets recommended to them by involving all those involved with any potential plan.***
- ***A group discussion was held by going around the table and having everyone note one reason they chose to get involved with the task force. Recommendation was made on some possible future speakers including:***
 - ***494 Commuter Services – Melissa Madison***
 - ***S.H.I.P. – Robyn Wiesman***
 - ***Bike Edina – Kirk Johnson***
- ***Several members asked for additional information to be posted on the website. Pearson will post information and resources as provided.***
 - ***Website:***
www.cityofrichfield.org/PublicWorks/BikeTaskForce.htm

7. **Meeting Adjourned**

- ***Next meeting Wednesday May 12, 2010***