

Richfield Bicycle Master Plan Task Force

Wednesday May 12, 2010
7:00 pm – Richfield Public Works Garage

Draft Minutes

Task Force Members and Staff Attending: Robyn Wiesman, Sara Nutter, Gail Lund, Dan Edgerton, Bob Hall, Chris Olson, Robert Rimstad, Dick Weber, Pam Hile, Charlie Hile, Joel Schnell, Andy Hartle, Thomas Scherber, Kevin Gregerson, Beth Gieseke, Carol Pease, Erica Tobola, Jeff Pearson, Kristin Asher, Jim Topitzhofer

Others Attending: Kate Meredith, Kirk Johnson, Jan Gregerson

1. Call To Order
 - *S. Nutter called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.*
2. Approval Of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve agenda by Nutter, s/ Lund. Motion carried.*
3. Approval Of Minutes
 - *Motion by Lund to approve April 14, 2010 meeting minutes, s/Hile. Motion carried.*
4. 494 Commuter Services Presentation
 - *Kate Meredith of the 494 Commuter Services TMO presented on the actions and services her agency provides. The TMO serves the communities of Bloomington, Richfield, Edina, Eden Prairie, and Minnetonka. The services provided are free to businesses and commuters. Such services include:*
 - *Commuter Fairs*
 - *Discounted Transit Pass Programs*
 - *Car/Vanpool Facilitation*
 - *Zip Code parties*
 - *Providing Bick Racks*
 - *Bike to Work Seminars*
 - *Safety Check Events*
5. Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Presentation
 - *Robyn Wiesman presented on SHIP and its role in the communities of Richfield, Bloomington, and Edina. She explained some of the programs that she is working on including supplying bike racks, implementing Safe Routes to School Plans, and identifying obstacles to the health of residents of all ages.*
6. Open Discussion
 - *J. Topitzhofer noted that Minneapolis was recently ranked the #1 bicycling city in the nation by Bicycling Magazine.*
 - *S. Nutter requested that future agenda items focus on moving toward a plan. Several members noted it's important to think about future agenda items and how to move towards a plan in-between meetings.*
 - *C. Hile recommended brainstorming a "wishlist" at a future meeting.*
 - *G. Lund noted the importance of considering the residents on streets where routes will affect parking or street sections.*

- *Several members suggested a Public Outreach process using forums like the City Newsletter, Farmer's Market, Sun Current, Schools, etc.*
- *There was interest in creating an overall vision and/or mission before any outreach to make it easier to explain the goal of the task force. Staff will coordinate this process for the June meeting.*

7. **Bike Edina Task Force Presentation**

- *Kirk Johnson of the Bike Edina Task Force presented on the Edina Comprehensive Bicycle Plan and the process that went into the completion of that plan. He noted items such as logo and website creation, community outreach, researching questions like property value concerns, traffic concerns, etc., selecting a consultant, and finalizing the plan through a public process.*

8. **Updates**

- *Pearson reviewed the NTPP Grants Bike Routes Open House and the general comments received. He noted that the consultant will be submitting for a variance on the West Connection to eliminate the need for restricted parking in front of residences.*

9. **Meeting Adjourned**

- *Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.*
- *Next meeting Wednesday June 9, 2010*