

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2015

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome; Approval of Meeting Minutes; Introduction (*Luann Hamilton, CDOT*)
Minutes from meeting on 11/5/2014 were reviewed and accepted.
- II. Bike Fatalities Update (*Rebekah Scheinfeld, Commissioner, CDOT*)
One fatality to date for 2015. A male cyclist was stuck at the 4700 block on W. Division Street, it was a hit-and-run crash. The total fatalities for winter months is between 0-1 per year, over the last five years.
- III. Bicycling and Safe Routes Ambassadors (*Charlie Short, Lauren Crabtree, CDOT*)
Final Education and Outreach report for 2014 is available at www.chicagocompletestreets.org. Goals for 2015 include more school outreach, more involvement with colleges, and increased enforcement.
- IV. Divvy Installation Spring 2015 (*Sean Widell, CDOT*)
175 new Divvy stations will be launched in Spring 2015. Currently, Divvy covers 19% of geographic area in Chicago, the new launch will bring that up to 38% coverage, as well as increase the population coverage from 33% to 56%. The launch will also increase the 800 thousand citizens currently serviced by Divvy to 1.3 million people. The new stations will feature stronger language about maps, laws, and streets for cycling. Divvy continues to request addition funding, and will continue to spread throughout Chicago.
- V. Loop Link and Bicycling (*Dave Smith, CDOT*)
Previous called Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the Loop Link is beginning construction in March. Clinton, Randolph and Washington will feature 2-way protected bike lanes. Randolph and Dearborn, as well as Randolph and Franklin, will feature a Dutch-style intersection to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. Construction should be completed by winter of 2015.
- VI. Women Bike Chicago (W.B.C.) (*Jennifer James, W.B.C.*)
W.B.C. began in 2012 with four members, and has currently grown to 20 members. They are a loose organization of cyclists encouraging more women riding bikes. They use community spaces and Chicago Park District (C.P.D.) facilities to host education and bicycle mentoring programs, and work with other cycling groups such as Slow Roll Chicago, Go Pilsen, and West Town Bikes. Their third annual Day of Dialogue and Demonstration takes place on April 18th at Dvorak Park in Pilsen, with free workshops for cyclists of all ages and with all levels of experience.

VII. Slow Roll Chicago (*Anne Alt, W.B.C., on behalf of Oboi Reed, Slow Roll Chicago*)

Slow Roll Chicago will celebrate its spring launch of the 2015 season with a block party and bike ride on April 4th at Kozy's Cyclery, located at 2540 S. Wabash Avenue. There will be a road trip to Detroit in April to participate in a Slow Roll Detroit ride. Slow Roll will also be hosting regular Wednesday night rides and some Friday group rides. Information can be found on their website, www.slowrollchicago.org.

VIII. Community Representative Discussion (*Robert Kastigar, Anne Alt, Miguel Morales, Kathy Schubert, Oboi Reed*)