

**Minutes – Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
June 12, 2013**

1. **Luann Hamilton** (CDOT): Welcome and introductions.
2. **MBAC Awards:** Award recipients were announced: Kathy Schubert (Individual) for bridge plate advocacy and contributions to Chicago’s cycling community; Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (Agency) for their support in creating the dooring sticker to be installed in every taxi cab in Chicago; The Andersonville Development Corporation (Business) for facilitating the most number of bike corrals in a Chicago neighborhood; Alderman Pat Dowell (Transportation Innovation Leadership award) for her support of 3 bike camps in the 3rd Ward and demonstrated leadership in planning innovative bikeways in her ward. A new MBAC Awards Committee will guide the process of identifying next year’s recipients. Contact Council member Alex Wilson for more information, alex@westtownbikes.org
3. **Sean Wiedel** (CDOT): Bike Share now known as Divvy will launch on June 28 with 75 stations, which will give time to test out the software. Maps will be available at stations. 1,300 founding members have already signed up.
4. **David Smith** (TYLin/CDOT): Bikeways projects updates:
Milwaukee Ave Spoke Route: Project completed includes resurfacing, barrier-protected and buffer-protected bike lanes, bike boxes, bike signal at Milwaukee/Elston, signal timing, intersection treatments and green pavement.
Dearborn Barrier-Protected Bike Lane: Continued improvements include thermoplastic pavement markings, “LOOK BIKES” “SLOW” stencils in the crosswalk, green pavement and parking/loading markings.
5. **Charlie Short** (Active Trans/CDOT): New Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Ordinance updates three things: doubles the fine for dooring from \$150-\$500 to \$300-\$1000; increases the fine for cyclists violating traffic laws from \$25 to a range of \$50-\$200; and modifies parts of the Chicago Municipal Code to bring them in line with state statutes and definitions including bicycle right-of-way changes (riding two-abreast, taking the lane, passing standing vehicles on the right, allows for certain sidewalk riding when near bike facilities e.g., trails, bike parking or bike share stations, and removes language indicating that cyclists must use “usable path” when adjacent to the roadway. Other Municipal Code changes include changing the definition of “pedestrian” to include people with disabilities; removes language that indicates crosswalks must be marked; defines “bicyclist” and “Bike Share Station”; defines hand (turning) signals as something to be used by cyclists, and allows for both kinds of right-hand turn signals; requires buses to yield to bicycles in bike/bus shared lanes.
6. **MBAC Community Representative Discussion:** Inquired why the re-paving of streets torn up by water/sewer main work takes so long. Co-chair and staff explained interagency coordinating will work to improve, but project timeline cannot be changed. Inquired about improving the Dearborn barrier-protected bike lane. Staff explained that puddles are accumulating because there are no drains on certain sections of Dearborn.
7. **Marissa Dolin (Active Transportation Alliance), Tim Jeffries (Friends of the Parks):** Presentation on Chicago’s Lakefront Trail: 18.5 miles long, 52 access points, all modes of non-motorized travel, 70k+ visitors/day, 30,000 ADT. Presented on trail user survey results regarding topics of policy/design, etiquette, satisfaction, congestion, conflict and crashes. Full report found at:
http://activetrans.org/sites/default/files/docs/People_on_the_Trail_FINAL_05292013.pdf
8. **Questions/New Business/Announcements:**
Alderman Ervin Ward Bike Ride: Saturday 6/29 at Jackson/Central