Minutes - Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting
September 17, 2008

1. Welcome, introduction and approval of previous meeting minutes.
   Sadhu Johnston (Mayor's Office)

2. *Bike 2015 Plan* – Chapters 5 & 6
   a. **Rob Sadowsky & Michael Alvino** (CBF)
      Discussion on the upcoming Sunday Parkways events in October. Goals: community involvement, encouraging healthy lifestyles.
   b. **Emily Willobee & Charlie Short** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
      Update on the Bicycling Ambassadors program. There was an increase in events and press visibility in 2008. Ambassadors staged events in the parks, taught children at park day camps, and worked with the Chicago Police Department to encourage safe bicycling on city streets.
   c. **Owen Reed** (CBF)
      Update on the Safe Routes to School program and Safe Routes Bicycling Ambassadors. Programs at 194 Chicago Public Schools have reached 16,000 students.
   d. **Steven Vance** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
      Increase traffic on CDOT Bicycle Program website due to better content and links. Suggestion: providing a comprehensive calendar of events and bicycle information.
   e. **Sarah Miller** (West Town Bikes)
      Reported on the increased educational programs for youth and underserved communities. New programs established at Ames Middle School and Sullivan House School. West Town Bikes is looking for a new space, possibly with a retail component.
   f. **Rob Sadowsky** (CBF) Upcoming Herron Memorial Bike/Ride event on October 19, 2008 will fund College Scholarships for West Town Bikes students.
   g. **Alex Wilson** (West Town Bikes) requested a letter of support from the Council to attract more support for their program. This motion for a letter was seconded and passed.
   h. **Fallon Mihalic (**CBF**)**
      Update on the University Marketing program at the following schools: DePaul University, Loyola University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Discussed the objectives of this program.
   i. **Anne Davis** (Mayor's Office of Special Events)
      Expressed thanks for all of the support for this year's Bike Chicago and Chicago Criterium.
   j. **David O'Donnell** (Department of Environment)
      Discussed $100,0000 grant for increasing the number of bicycles in the City of Chicago fleet. Departments receiving bikes: Department of Revenue, Department of Buildings, Department of Public Health, Chicago Parks District, and the Police Department.
   k. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
      27 of the 40 strategies in these two chapters being implemented. Discussion of how to implement the strategy for a television show about bicycling.

3. Updates – Chicago Bicycling Initiatives
   a. **Sgt. Mike Neckerman** (Chicago Police Department)
      Current Police Department administration is extremely pro-bike. This past year 180 officers have already been bicycle trained and there will be an additional 60 bicycle trained in October. The Police Department has received a grant from Allstate to hire in-house bicycle mechanics.

b. **Nick Puczkowskyj** (CTA)
Has completed all station bike counts as well as a survey of bicycle riders. This information is available for anyone interested. If interested in taking survey, send an e-mail to bikesurvey@transitchicago.com.

c. **Tom Murtha** (Chicago Municipal Agency for Planning)
Discussed the CMAQ FY 2009 projects: Commuter Bike Parking, Streets for Cycling, and the Lakefront Trail Flyover. Stated the need to push forward on current projects so as to not lose future funding.
Randy Neufeld (CBF) asked if there could be specific time tables presented at the next MBAC for all projects that are critical.

4. CMAQ Grant Funding for Bicycle Projects
   a. **Keith Privett** (CDOT)
   Gave the status of the following projects: Sauganash Trail, Weber Spur Trail, and the Major Taylor Trail.

5. Bicycle Lane Initiatives
   a. **David Gleason** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
   Roosevelt bike lane was recently restriped. Bike lane repairs under warranty are being done. The program for the CMAQ 2009 program is for 17 more miles of on-street bikeways. The program for the CMAQ 2010 is for 20 more miles of on-street bikeways. Automatic bike counting equipment to be purchased. Figures from bike counts conducted in June show significantly increased ridership between 2003 and 2008: Milwaukee Ave. (+377%), Lincoln Ave. (+156%), Wells St. (+120%).

6. Bicycle Parking Initiatives
   a. **Chris Gagnon** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
   500 bike racks will be installed in 2008 compared to 400 in 2007. Identifying wards with lower number of bike racks. Letters will be sent to the Aldermen of the underserved wards asking their help to identify locations for new bike racks in their wards.
   b. **Tony Saracino** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
   Partnering with BOMA and the Department of Buildings to increase indoor bicycle parking. New drive to address for free consultation/site visits: bikesinside@cityofchicgao.org
   c. **Ben Gomberg** (CDOT Bicycle Program)
   CDOT was awarded a $375,000 RTA grant to install bike shelters at 5 transit (CTA and/or Metra) stations.

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