

APPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BICYCLE TASK FORCE
Northbrook Village Hall – Development & Planning Service Conference Room
January 9, 2019

Members Present: Chris Henning, Angus Duthie, Tom Tebbe, Jim O’Connell, Matt Curin, and Frank Bleeker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nicole Buch (NBK Park District), Jim Baxa (NBK)

Staff Absent: Mike Metrick

Others Present: Mary Reynolds and Mariam Cole

Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Henning called the meeting to order in the Development & Planning Service Conference Room at the Village Hall at **7:01 p.m.**

Review of November 14, 2018 Bike Task Force Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by and seconded that the November 14, 2018 minutes be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hear from Audience

Mariam Cole an active member of Lifetime Fitness attended this meeting to express the interest of requesting that the Village look into the possibility of installing a continuous sidewalk along Skokie Boulevard from the south near Tower Road to the south property line of Lifetime Fitness where a new sidewalk is being proposed. Mrs. Cole mentioned there are several runners, walkers and cyclists that belong to Lifetime Fitness who would use a public amenity such as a sidewalk in this area. The Bicycle Task Force (BTF) expressed interest into the idea but explained there are existing gaps in Village limits along Skokie Boulevard where a sidewalk could not be installed; in addition Skokie Boulevard south the Village of Glencoe water tower is outside Village limits. The BTF also explained there are several large scale projects in the cue for the BTF to work on ahead of this project concept such as the Skokie Valley Trail which will provide similar feature for use when completed. A potential Share the Road signage project could be an interim solution.

Discussion of Education component of the Six E’s

Member Jim O’Connell and audience attendee Mary Reynolds gave a presentation on Education and the benefits of giving people the confidence to ride bicycles through educational programs targeting different age groups, correct cycling equipment for riding, and a typical pre-ride checklist for a bicycle. The committee discussed various State of Illinois bicycle laws, and focused on the recently passed “Dutch Reach method” law which encourages drivers to use the right hand when opening a vehicle door in order to make people look back for approaching cyclists and other traffic before exiting a vehicle.

Members Tom Tebbe and Frank Bleeker are going to reach out to Northbrook School Districts 30 & 31 to inquire what type of bicycling educational training components either district has in place for use in their curriculum. Member Chris Henning will begin looking into the feasibility of a “Teach you how to

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ride” seminar at location within the Village; one potential site is the soccer fields behind the Village Hall. The Task Force inquired if educational literature could be purchased for distribution at the Village’s Earth Day event, Staff will look into this request.

New Topics for the March Meeting

The BTF requested the purchase of information brochures distribution at the Village’s annual Earth Day event, the informational pamphlet called “Smart Cycling- Quick Guide” by The League of American Cyclist is a simple and short to follow with basic information that will be good to distribute. Staff will follow up on this item.

Adjourn:

On motion made and seconded, the meeting of the BTF was adjourned at **8:30 p.m.**

Minutes Submitted by Jim Baxa.