

Morgantown Municipal Bicycle Board

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2011
Public Safety Building

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Due date	Responsibility	Action Item
4/7/2011	Crawford	124. Discuss the possibility of WVU becoming a Bicycle Friendly university with the SGA president.
4/7/2011	Rye, Wamsley, Spencer	139. Provide to Gmeindl edits they suggested for Morgantown Bicycle Plan.
4/7/2011	All BB Members	140. Finish reading Morgantown Bicycle Plan and send feedback to Gmeindl.
4/7/2011	Gmeindl	141. Give Bill Austin access to the Bicycle Plan.
4/7/2011	Post, Davis, Wamsley, Gmeindl	142. Contact various people regarding BB membership.
4/7/2011	Burkhart	143. Draw up new bumper sticker.
4/7/2011	Gmeindl	144. Connect Derek with Danielle to collaborate on the bike route map.

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda Item 1 (Schmooze time)

The March 2011 monthly meeting of the Morgantown Municipal Bicycle Board (BB) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building by Chairman Frank Gmeindl with the following members attending:

- Frank Gmeindl, Gunnar Shogren, Don Spencer, Marilyn Newcome, Aira Burkhart, Hugh Kierig, Ryan Post, and Chip Wamsley.
- Absent members: Jim Rye, Betsy Shogren, Alice Vernon, Chet Parsons, Derek Springston, and Jonathan Rosenbaum.
- Visitors: Andrew Walker, Bill Austin, Damien Davis, and Danielle Williams, Assistant MPO Director and Director of Transportation Demand Management.

Agenda Item 2 (Agenda)

The agenda was approved without change.

Agenda Item 3 (Minutes of Last Meeting)

The minutes from the February meeting were accepted with 1 change. Damien Davis carries out BB requests that are approved by the Traffic Commission *and the City Manager*.

Agenda Item 4 (Action Items)

- #124 – Open.
- #136 – Closed. Jonathan added Brandon to bikeboard@cheat.org.



- #137 – Closed. Don Spencer discussed the bicycle parking ordinance with Chris Fletcher to get the Planning Commission to broaden its applicability from the B4 zone to all multi-family dwellings.
- #138 – Closed. Aira, Gunnar and Damien e-mailed new bumper sticker ideas to the BB.
- #139 – Open.
- #140 – Open.

Agenda Item 5 (Ripe Banana Issues)

There were no Ripe Bananas this month.

Agenda Item 6 (Paul Becker Replacement)

With great sadness the BB learned that one of the most valued members, Paul Becker, passed on last month. He will surely be missed.

While his shoes will never be filled, his spot on the BB needs to be. The following list of potential BB members to fill this spot was generated, along with the BB member who will contact the individual to see if he is willing to serve:

- Andrew Walker – Yes, he is willing.
- Gary Rodosta – Ryan Post
- Eli Eddy – Damien Davis
- Butch Graber – Chip Wamsley
- Ron Bain – Frank
- Brian Bennett – Frank

If the individual is willing to serve, he is strongly encouraged to attend the April meeting.

Agenda Item 7 (Comprehensive Bicycle Plan)

Much progress has been made on the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan for Morgantown, thanks to Frank and certain other helpful members of the BB. Tonight's meeting focused on Enforcement. After reviewing the Bicycle Friendly Community's recommendations on Enforcement, Frank developed a document describing 10 initiatives for the Morgantown Police Department. Quite a bit of discussion ensued. Some of the 10 initiatives were revised. None were deleted or added.

Agenda Item 8 (5-Year Budget)

Frank went over an email he had sent regarding the city's 5-year proposed budget. The budget as it stands does not contain the \$5500 promised for bicycle parking, nor does it include any money for Shared Lane Markings. Frank has submitted to Councilman Spencer a revised 5-year budget that includes bicycling education, bicycle lanes, bike route map, signage and markings and bicycle parking.

Agenda Item 9 (Dominion Post Education Articles)

Hugh Kierig has agreed to be the new liaison between the Dominion Post and the BB. Frank distributed a list of the 18 article topics that the Education Committee identified. Paul had an agreement with the DP that they would publish the 18 articles, one each month. The list included authors that agreed to write the articles and dates that they were due. The BB believes that the DP has two articles from the BB that are waiting to be published. As spring has nearly



sprung, it is time to get these rolling again. Danielle suggested that articles on other methods of non-motorized transportation might be beneficial. Andrew says more articles, more often are needed.

Agenda Item 10 (Parking)

Chip reviewed the current status of the parking project. He suggested having 4 parking lockers per garage, although this would increase the budget. Various options are being reviewed with Tom Arnold and the Parking Authority. Questions remain about who will pay for and administer the rental of the lockers.

Agenda Item 11 (Bumper Stickers)

After reviewing the list of possible slogans and voting, the new BB bumper sticker is going to say "I share the road with bicycles." The artwork is from a Share the Road bumper sticker that shows a bicycle superimposed on a car. The artwork is available at Wamsley's.

Agenda Item 12 (Education Finances)

Frank displayed the Effective Cycling Education Program Financial Summary for February 2011. All present members of the BB approved the finances. Please note: BB members with pending invoices do not vote to approve their own invoice.

Agenda Item 13 (Bike Route Map)

Derek has been otherwise engaged and not able to update on the Bike Route Map. Danielle has agreed to collaborate with Derek.

Agenda Item 14 (Signage Plan)

The signage plan is a little confusing as it stands right now. The purpose of the signs needs to be clarified to help this project along. We do not want to lead visitors astray.

Agenda Item 15 (Mon. Blvd Bike Lane, South U STR Signs and 705 Traffic Signal)

Damien Davis states that there is no money in the city budget for the proposed Mon. Blvd bike lane. The DOH has ordered Share the Road signs that will be installed on South University Avenue between the Westover bridge and I-68. Some discouraging news is that new hardware that will control the 705 traffic signal by the WVU multi-modal center does NOT detect bicycles. This is discouraging for cyclists that would like to contribute to a solution to the traffic problems of Morgantown by commuting by bicycle.

Agenda Item 16 (Bikes Belong Bike Lane Grant Application)

Frank reports that the Bikes Belong grant application will be ready once co-signatures and endorsements are obtained.

Agenda Item 17 (New Action Items)

- 141: Gmeindl – Give Bill Austin access to the Bicycle Plan.
- 142: Post, Davis, Wamsley, Gmeindl – Contact various people regarding BB membership.
- 143: Burkhardt – Draw up new bumper sticker.
- 144: Gmeindl – Connect Derek with Danielle to collaborate on the bike route map.



Agenda Item 18 (Meeting Evaluation)

Time ran out before this issue was addressed.

Chairman Gmeindl adjourned the meeting at ~8:30 pm. The next meeting is planned for April 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted this date by Team Shogren, 03/08/2011.



Attendance:

	Ja n- 10	Fe b- 10	M ar- 10	Ap r- 10	M ay - 10	Ju n- 10	Ju l- 10	Au g- 5	Se p- 10	Oc t- 10	No v- 10	De c- 10	Ja n- 11	Fe b- 11	M ar- 11
Burkhart, Aira			X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Crawford, Brandon														X	X
Gmeindl, Frank	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Kierig, Hugh		X	X			X		X	X	X			X		X
Newcome, Marilyn		X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X
Parsons, Chet			X	X											
Rosenbaum, Jonathan					X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Post, Ryan													X	X	X
Rye, Jim	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
Shogren, Betsy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		
Shogren, gunnar	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Spencer, Don	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Springston, Derek		X		X		X					X				
Vernon, Alice	X		X			X				X			X	X	
Wamsley, Chip			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X

N O M E E T I N G

X=Present
Blank = Absent

