DENVER MAYOR'S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:30-7:00; December 6th, 2018
Room 4.I.5, Wellington Webb Building, 201 West Colfax, Denver, CO 80202

AGENDA / MINUTES

Welcome and Brief Discussion: 5:30 - 5:45

- MBAC Retreat- January 26, 2019
    - No regular MBAC January meeting
- Over 50 applications for MBAC were received; thanks Barry!
- **People for Bikes Grant**: Jordan and Libby worked with City to submit a letter of support for a grant to Denver through People for Bikes
    - Goal of grant is to provide public engagement on a larger-scale level, versus project-by-project
    - Dan: High-ease-of-use bikeways, with an intent of aiming to areas of higher density, where commuters would actually use the bike network if it was fully built-out and connected
    - Metrics: Denver is working to truly "own" its own data, instead of relying on counts from elsewhere.
    - Timeline: estimate about 30 days for a response to grant
- **Updates from Dan**
    - Paige is working on some connectivity projects; goal for 2019 is to design, while 2020 would be construction
    - Making Washington and Clarkson a main north/south bike corridor will take a LOT of support and work; this includes removing existing on-street parking spaces. Could be very contentious
    - Broadway Bikeway: Has moved into construction; Brittany Price is the PM
        - Extend protected bikeway up through Cherry Creek
        - Dan: Suggested a pop-up project similar to what Bike Denver had done for Broadway
- **Meet Paige- the new MBAC liaison**
    - Grew up in Fort Collins, went to grad school in LA, came back to Denver
    - Been at Denver for about 2 months now

Mayor Hancock Visit and Discussion 5:45 - 6:10

MBAC presents successes and priorities for following year - 5:45 - 5:55
Open Conversation about state of cycling with Mayor - 5:55 - 6:10

- Downtown Denver Moves is kicking off- perhaps an opportunity to connect protected bike lanes (Broadway to Brighton Blvd)
- Kevin: Would like a focus on MyDenver Bikes for kids; Enhance protected bike facilities; Invited Mayor to a bike ride in Spring 2019
    - Major Hancock's Comments:
        - Biking is a shift in culture for the city; encouraging people to try different modes
        - We're seeing some progress but not fast enough or big enough
            - Idea: Shutting down a thoroughfare to automobiles one day per month (i.e. Colorado Blvd, 16th Street Mall – Meet in the Streets)
            - Would like to imagine WHAT we can do, and how we can be

        - A lot of non-profits are giving away bikes to kids; perhaps a way to partner with them
        - Netherlands is the first time we saw so many kids on bikes
- Katie: What are easy wins, big headaches, and what could MBAC do to help
    - Mayor Hancock's comments:
        - How do you redesign Brighton Blvd? Or connect the gaps?
        - Enforcement- police aren't sure what to do, parking enforcement not consistent
        - How do we request and earn patience from everyone?
- Antonia: What is City's perspective on parking requirements?
    - Mayor Hancock comments:
        - The whole point is shifting infrastructure to be more multimodal
        - Culture of people who don't have cars exists, as well
        - Cranky and upset people is part of the shift; this is just part of the understanding
- JJ: The more cyclists are on the road, the safer the system becomes for bicyclists
- Katie: Is there anything else you've heard that we could help with?
    - Mayor Hancock comments:
        - How do we educate the public? Drivers have a mentality of anti-cyclists
        - Culture-shift and education: People need to respect bike lanes and understand

Elections - Chair, Vice Chair, Sub-committee Chairs - Jordan 6:10 - 6:25

- Libby Kaiser is unanimously the new MBAC Chair ☺
- Brian Carrol is unanimously the new MBAC Vice Chair ☺
- Infrastructure – Lisa Nguyen
- Education – James Thacker
- Policy – Kevin Williams and Tamir Goldstein
- Secretary – Lisa Nguyen
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee
    - Kevin interested in being our MBAC liaison
    - Committee will be working with neighborhoods to find priorities within Denveright plan
    - Meetings: 7:30 am on the second Tuesday of every month at City of Denver (4.I.5)

Committee Updates, 6:25 - 6:30

Infrastructure (Brian)

- Mariano: Working with Focus Points (Elyria/Swansea) to partner up with their residents to discuss bicycle engagement

Policy and Planning (Kevin)

- Encourage MBAC to look at City Council's proposal on electric scooters
    - Marybeth Sussman has proposed a bill
        - 1- Scooters be allowed in bike lanes
        - 2- If no bike lane, scooters are allowed where speed limit 30 mph or less
        - 3- If on sidewalks, scooters are allowed at 6 mph or less
    - Piep's thoughts on ordinance:
        - Doesn't like precedent of 15 mph in bike lane; seems over-regulation
        - Scooters are manufactured that it can't be greater than 20 mph already

        - "Requires scooters to be in a bike lane"- Piep feels this isn't necessarily convenient or sometimes it's safer to not be in a bike lane (i.e. bike lanes are blocked or left-turns)
- Are there state-laws that supersede this?
    - Piep: Scooters are defined as a toy, but with Denver can help to set the bar for other cities and communities
- Boards and Commissions Training- learned that MBAC can submit "Letters of Opinion" to support or advocate topics
    - ACTION: MBAC should consider submitting a letter to support this mission from the City

Education (James)

- MBAC New Member Orientation
    - Opportunity for new MBAC members to get more engaged early and feel involved
    - Lots of eager and interested folks to be mentors

August Minutes approval 6:30 - 6:35

- November meeting minutes approved unanimously

Public Comment/Announcements: 6:35 -6:45
The public may address the Committee on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Should not relate to any item on this agenda since the Committee will take public comment after it discusses and/or before voting on each agenda item. Limit to three minutes. Longer discussion may be slated for following month.

Adjourn to Denver Streets Partnership/Streetsblog Denver Party - 6:45 Pending no further business, MBAC is invited to join the party at Denver Bicycle Cafe (1308 e 17th ave at Lafayette St)