

Meeting Minutes

Salem Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

City Hall Annex 1st Floor Meeting Room & Via Remote Participation

Members Present: John Wathne (Chair), Josh Gillis, Cat Seiferth, Annie Wolf, Connor Ryan, Matt Caruso, Michael Jaros, Walter Morrell

Members Absent: Colleen Downie, Alex Maranto

Also Present: Tom Devine, Senior Planner

Call Meeting to Order

Wathne calls the meeting to order.

Public Comment

Wathne opens public comment and there is none.

Proposed Bike Parking Zoning Requirements

Documents Reviewed: Example Bike Parking Zoning Ordinance Text, undated.

The group discusses the proposed bike parking ordinance that Councilor Cohen and Eric Papetti discussed at the April meeting. Caruso suggests the example ordinance may be too long and need to be shortened as it is revised. Devine states that he believes a fair amount of work must be done and all they have so far is an example ordinance. Someone would need to take the lead to conduct research, develop a Salem specific draft, workshop it, and do multiple rounds of revisions. There is not currently staff or a volunteer taking on the project.

Bluebikes Bikeshare Program Data, Promotion, and Expansion

Document reviewed: Salem Bluebikes Data, Through 4/3/2023, slide deck.

Devine reports a year-over-year increase in ridership and an uptick with the start of spring. There is a glitch with the station data, so it is not available to review.

The group requests to be emailed the Bluebikes data slides each month.

Update on E-Bike Legislation

Wolf provides an update regarding the E-Bike Act that has been amended and reintroduced to congress. It would provide a tax credit for e-bike purchases.

Discussion of Bicycling Events

Wathne plans to table for the Bike Committee at the May 13 Salem Living Green Expo. Devine will provide some Bluebikes materials that he has, including cards with free ride codes. He will also ask Bluebikes to provide some other swag. Wolfe will be there for her employer and may be able to split her time at the Bike Committee table.

Downie will follow up on the discussion of Salem Public Schools events at the next meeting.

Committee Vacancy

Devine reports that no one has been nominated yet to fill the two vacancies, but he expects the next mayor to do so.

Minutes

Caruso motions and Ryan seconds approve the 2/1/2023 minutes and all vote in favor.

Adjournment

Caruso motions and Morrell seconds to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. and all vote in favor.

Approved by the Bicycling & Shared Path Advisory Committee on 9/6/2023.