# Bicycle Board: August 2017 General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, August 3rd, 2017 **Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm **Location:** Public Safety Building, \*Training Room\*

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| **Clock Time** | **Duration (min.)** | **Topic** | **Discussion Leader** | **Desired Outcome** |
| 6:30 PM | 5 | Schmooze time | Everyone | All ready to start work |
| 6:35 PM | 5 | Agenda | Drew | July minutes approved, August agenda finalized |
| 6:40 PM | 10 | Open Action Items | Chip | Items reviewed, closed, and/or due date adjusted |
| 6:50 PM | 55 | Strategic Development | Drew | This will begin with a few ripe bananas on recent developments of grant monies. The desired outcome is simply for the board to engage in a meta-reflection of its current capacity and, if possible, to identify appropriate types of projects or issues that are reasonable to approach in light of this capacity. |
| 7:45 PM | 10 | New Action Items |  | List open items, responsible person, dates |
| 7:55 PM | - | Meeting Adjourned | Drew |  |

**Read-aheads 1)** July Minutes, Draft City Council Presentation

**Notes:**

Open Action Items are limited to 1 minute each and should follow the format below

* Item number was closed on date and requires follow up / new action item / ripe banana discussion OR…
* Item number remains open due to reason and requires follow up / new action item / ripe banana discussion and needs rescheduling to date

Potential Ripe Bananas (all ripe bananas are limited to 5-10 minutes, can include reports back from action items, and must make a request for future action)

**Open Action Items**



**In Attendance:** Drew Gatlin, Frank Gmeindl, Harry Grandon, Marilyn Newcome, Jonathan Nellis, Bridget O’Meara, Brian Ricketts, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Beth Rota, Chip Wamsley, John Whitmore

Guests: Christiaan Abildso (welcome back!), City Councilman Ryan Wallace (attending for Barry Wendell, thanks!)

1. Agenda

Meeting called to order by D. Gatlin at 640P. Agenda was approved but one change to last meeting’s minutes: need to add Harry Grandon as an attendee. Moved by C. Wamsley, second by M. Newcome, all in favor.

1. Open Action Items
	1. Items Closed - None
	2. Items Remaining Open
2. #1 Bike Parking – C. Wamsley talked with D. Davis about installing the 2nd locker next to the first one in the parking garage. Also #3 Parking Rings – D. Davis okay with installation but Mr. Arnold, former parking authority chief, did not provide location information. D. Gatlin to provide C. Wamsley with that info.

ii. #2 BFC Signs – D. Gatlin to meet with C. Wamsley to finalize color match and whatever else is needed.

iii. #60 Mapping Change Request Version Control – J. Nellis had nothing new to report.

iv. #71 Bus Shelters – Tabled until further notice.

v. #80 Bike Board role & expectations – City Committee of the Whole meeting did not occur. Need to schedule presentation if still desired. Councilman Wallace asked for specifics of program.

vi. #82 Bike Locker Signs – D. Davis needs to send the artwork PDF and has not done so yet.

vii. #84 Tour de Sharrow – no movement on current status/program ready to roll.

viii. #88 Sharrow Research – F. Gmeindl mentioned that the sharrows project on Willowdale Road has never been billed. We do not know costs nor has anyone been paid. It was mentioned that maybe we paint some sharrows on some of the freshly-paved streets of the city.

1. Ripe Bananas
	1. J. Whitmore mentioned that Mylan is planning an expansion at their facility at Mountaineer Mall in the former JCPenney location. This will include installation of 8 bicycle parking spaces: 4 interior and 4 exterior.
	2. C. Abildso suggested that with the new school year fast approaching this might be a good time to work on Bike Board for WVU.
2. Strategic Development
	1. Much discussion was held regarding a few items that were presented to the Board. The first, and probably most concerning, was an email received from Mr. Shoukry, the WVDOH traffic engineer responsible for reviewing our TAP grants. Among other things, he expressed concern about the 2014 TAP Grant – building an argument that Morgantown roads are inherently dangerous and they can’t accommodate cyclists safely. D. Gatlin asked the Board how we would like to proceed. Discussion was held to possibly invite Mr. Shoukry and Mr. Williams from Charleston and Bill Austin to a meeting to discuss these issues. Many expressed concerns that the argument Mr. Shoukry was making could adversely affect all existing and any future grant monies Morgantown may receive.
	2. D. Gatlin posed the question: What can/should the board do if we are not pursuing and helping the city to manage these types of grants?
	3. Discussion was held to talk about ideas to keep the Bike Board and our efforts moving forward. B. O’Meara and B. Rota suggested a focus on projects that work to change the culture in our area. Many suggested hosting more community events – bike parades, community rides, bike rodeos, etc. J. Whitmore suggested we visit with the Traffic Commission and seek their input on what we should be doing. Policy changes versus social things?
	4. F. Gmeindl shared his previous experiences attempting to develop strategic plans within the board. He shared stories of different facilitation techniques he had employed which focused on members defining projects that are important to them. He described a matrix of sorts with ideas written down, a leader assigned, and how the larger board would assist with project management. He and D. Gatlin reminded that we still have plans to talk with City Council.
	5. C. Abildso said it is probably time for a paid employee from the city/county, reiterating ideas that the board has floated for months. C. Wamsley thinks the timing might be right with the new City Council and Manager, expansion of certain departments and our understanding of Council support of cycling in the greater Morgantown area.
	6. D. Gatlin circled back to the Mr. Shoukry’s letter, asking if anyone felt our current methods and efforts to shift transportation investment locally are adversely antagonizing our relationship with the DOH. He questioned the negative and disparaging remarks about the grant process and our success in getting grants approved. He stated we need to focus on our “big picture”. C. Wamsley mentioned the success Boulder, CO has had by keeping everyone involved – meeting with all city stakeholders on a regular basis. C. Abildso emphasized the League’s “Five E’s” and how they are critical to planting the seed of culture change.
3. Membership adjustments
	1. B. Ricketts handed in his resignation, effective immediately, and mentioned he would try and return after May 2018.
4. New Action Items

B. Rota will visit with J. Selin to inform the 4th of July Committee that the Bike Board will take over the Bike Parade that is part of that event.

1. Year-To-Date Attendance Record

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| **Member Name**   | **Aug 16**  | **Sep 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 17** | **June 17** | **Jul 17** | **Aug 17** |
| **\*Gatlin, John (Drew)**   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **\*Gmeindl, Frank**   | X | X |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **\*Grandon, Harry**   |  | X |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X |  | X | X |
| **\*Nellis, Jonathan**   | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| **\*Newcome, Marilyn**   |  |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **\*O’Meara, Bridget** |  |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |  | X | X |  | X |
| **\*Ricketts, Brian**   | X |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| **\*Rosenbaum, Jonathan**   | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  | X | X |
| **\*Rota, Beth** |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X | X |  | X |  | X |
| **Selin, Jenny**   |  |  | X | X |  | X | X | X |  | X | X | X |  |
| **Stockdale, Alex** |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **\*Wamsley, Chip**   | X | X | X | X | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| **Wendell, Barry** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Whitmore, John**   |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| **\*Zhang, Jing**   | X | X | X | X |  |  | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |

Note: \*indicates voting member, X indicates presence in that given month. Grey boxes indicate periods of time before or after a person’s membership.