

RBBC Newsletter- APRIL 2018

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Officer Report- we are seeking a new secretary, please contact the club email (rbbccclinton@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Upcoming RBBC Ride Schedule:

- May 20th: Hills Ride- Preparing for TOMRV? Looking for a strenuous workout? Just love hills? Join us as we tour the hills, knolls, and mounds around the area.
- May 27th: Leisure Ride with QCBC- We will be meeting with our QC counterparts to enjoy our favorite two wheels together!
- June 24th: Rock Creek- Bikes? Check. BBQ? Check.
- October 13th: Lumber Jack and Jill Ride- Start working on that beard!

Other rides:

- June 8th & 9th: TOMRV
- June 16th: BACooN Ride 5
- June 21st-26th: RAGBRAI
- August 19th: Pie Ride- Bikes + Pie. Does it get any better?

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 17th at McKinley Street Tavern, 7PM.

Editors Note:

I apologize for the late delivery of the April newsletter, I am still finding my feet with this new position. I will see to it that the May newsletter is delivered in a more timely manner.

Thanks,

Zane Pennock

Riverbend Bicycle Club April Meeting Minutes

The Riverbend Bicycle Club met on April 19, 2018, at the McKinley Street Tavern at 7:00 P. M. The meeting was called to Order by President Chad Jensen. Chad made a report about the Icicle Bicycle Ride, which was held on March 24, 2018. There were few participants due to the 12 inches of snow that we had received. A few hearty souls made it as far as 19th Avenue North from Happy Joe's. There were 13 people who participated in one way or another, and 13 meals were served. The loss for the event will be approximately \$177. There were some hats left over, which can be sold next year.

Randy Meier presented the treasurer's report. Income for the month was \$1288.91 and the expenses were \$1050.09. Balances: Checking, \$183.00; CNB Money market, \$2546.04; First Gateway CD, \$5581.66. Treasurer's report was accepted as written.

The next ride will be on April 28, 2018 from Lyons to Camanche and back. Meet at Meyer Park at 1:00 P. M. Jack Robinson mentioned the Mayor's ride in Des Moines. The Hills ride will be in June. There will also be a ride to Morrison with the quad city bike Club in May. There will also be a ride in Dennison, Iowa this summer.

Zane Pennock Reported on some things going on in the City of Clinton. The City Council approved the formation of a Trails Advisory Committee. If you are interested in serving, you can pick up forms at City Hall. The Clinton Visitor's Bureau is getting the Bike Share stations installed. The ribbon-cutting ceremony has not yet been set. The bikes cannot be used yet.

John Bonte gave the RAGBRAI report. There are 31 members and 19 non-members signed up. There are 36 people taking the bus and 36 people camping. Two buses from Wiersema's have been reserved. It is time for people to start training for RAGBRAI.

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John Bonte: 23

Jack Robinson: 365

Randy Meier: 18

Joe Allen: 73

The meeting Adjourned about 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bonte

Training wheels: A Step in the right direction

As a kid everybody wants to go fast, nobody wants to be that person still using training wheels. Everybody wants to be cruising around unfettered. But before we can get their everybody has to go through at least a short period of adjusting and learning the ropes before they can take off their training wheels. On March 29th the City hosted an Open House to collect opinions and information regarding the trails network through town. This event featured three interactive stations focused on recreation trails where individuals were able to look at maps, read about potential trail locations, cast their votes with stickers and discuss potential trails through town. The engineering department wanted to seek out the advice of those who not only use our existing trails on a regular basis but learn why some choose not and how the trails can be reimaged to suit all users.

Locations	Votes
Eagle Point	8
Stockwell Lane	3
Cragmore Drive	2
Elijah Buell Terrace	2
Main Ave	2
Eagle Heights	3
North Bridge	5
19th Ave North	5
13th Ave North	7
Middle School	3
Mill Creek	10
Ericksen Center	12
Riverview Drive	9
YWCA	2
High School	4
Arboretum	2
2nd Ave South	5
Chancey Park	2
Jergesen Soccer Complex	3
Manufacturing Drive	2
Valley West	3
South 32nd Street	2
Camanche	4
Total	100
Total Response	125

Station #1: Each participant was given five stickers and we requested you place them on locations you already walk/run/bike or hike to or locations where you would like to be able to walk/run/bike or hike too. It is important that our trails be constructed to connect important locations in town. Doing so will drastically increase the accessibility to our trails. At this station we received 125 responses. Of these responses 100 were placed on locations that had multiple responses, this accounted for 80% of the total responses to this station. That 80% comprised of 23 different locations around town. The remaining 25 votes were solitary votes scattered around town.

The 23 locations receiving multiple votes, 8 locations received 5 or more votes each. These eight locations alone commanded almost 50% of the entire vote's that were cast at this station. They can be seen to the left highlighted in Green. You will notice that some of these locations already have access to recreation trails while some completely lack sidewalks. Having Riverview Drive show up so high on this list reinforces the importance and the desirability of constructing recreation trails in close proximity to important locations and connecting them to other keys areas. 19th Ave North is another location that as seen an increase of users because of its newly constructed recreation trail. The locations on this list that do not have easy rec trail access would signify locations that absolutely need

to be addressed in the approach Transportation Master Plan. Past plans have

highlighted cycling and modes of alternative transportation, by knowing locations that people are either already going, or would like to attend will aid us in deciding where future trails should be installed.

Station #2: Offered participants a list of 18 potential trails and they were asked to pick their top 3 choice. This list was generated from the Engineering Department through existing documents and discussions amongst city staff personnel. In total there were 18 potential trail and bike facility projects. These projects are scattered around town spanning many purposes and a variety of different projects scopes. The scope for some of the projects would require years or planning and a significant amount of investment while others could be achieved relatively easily and at a low cost. Participants were given list of the 18 different projects as well as a brief description of each project. The description was meant to present a brief scope to the project to show the impact and planning necessary to achieve each project. The goal was to clearly show that while one trail may be more desirable it does come at a greater cost.

Number	Trail	Start and End Locations		Votes
1	Mill Creek Parkway	Main Ave	Lincolnway	7
2	Mill Creek Parkway (North)	Main Ave	North 3rd Street	5
3	Pershing Blvd	Main Ave	9th Ave North	1
4	25th Ave North	3rd Street	Main Ave	2
5	Main Ave	10th Street	16th St	3
6	19th Ave North	2nd Street	Bridge	9
7	13th Ave North	Pershing	14th Street	13
8	14th Street	Mill Creek	Lincolnway	5
9	3rd Street	8th Ave North	8th Ave South	1
10	6th Ave North	N 5th St	Riverview Dr	2
11	North 4th Street	6th Ave North	11th Ave South	0
12	South 9th Street	5th Ave South	8th Ave South	2
13	Lincoln Blvd	South 9th	South 21st	3
14	South 21st	Mill Creek	Manufacturing Dr	1
15	Lincolnway	Valley West Court	Mill Creek Parkway	0
16	Valley West Drive	Mill Creek	Manufacturing Dr	1
17	Better Signage			2
18	More Bike Racks			0
Total				57

That said of the 57 responses there were 5 trails that received in excess of 4 votes each, they are highlighted in the table to the right. These five potential trails received 68% of all responses. When these results are compared with the station one results there is a clear overlap. The top vote getter in this station would address both the Ericksen Center and 13th Ave North which received the 1st and 3rd highest amount of votes respectively in station one. Second was 19th Ave North at the bridge and this reflects another top result from station one as does the third, being Mill Creek. Tied for

fourth was the North Mill Creek Extension and a trail that would run along 14th Street from Lincoln Way to Mill Creek, this option would run adjacent to locations that received 34 votes in Station 2 (Mill Creek-10, Middle School-3, 13th Ave North-7, Ericksen Center-12, Arboretum-2) not to mention addition destinations like Whittier, Bluff, George Morris Park and the New Clinton Athletic Complex.

Station #3: The final trails and biking station was an investigation into how to prioritize such a diverse list of potential projects. How to address big projects, small projects, expensive and more economical projects. We received of the 25 participants to the meeting we received 108 votes across eleven ideals regarding recreational trails. There were six responses that received more than 10 votes each. The top three options received 48 of a possible 108 votes or 44% of all total votes. A complete list of ideals and the number of votes can be seen below.

Item	Votes
Connections	19
Cost	3
Recommended Facilities	4
Equity	5
Key Locations	11
Safety	17
Innovation	11
Community Support	8
Educational	8
Publicity & Awareness	12
Bike Programs	10
Total	108

The top three options were Connections, Safety and Publicity & Awareness. Connections receiving a larger percentage of votes mimics the findings of the Parks and Rec Master plan that called for more connections between existing parks and trails. Some of the top results of Station 2 also reflect the importance of connectedness. Both the 13th Ave North and 14th Street trails were primarily suggested because of their ability to connected important parts of towns and destinations and the completion of the Mill Creek paths would connect an entire loop around town. Safety is also evident in the top choices from Station 2. Thirteenth Ave N is a heavily

trafficked roadway and is not ideal for cyclists or pedestrians however, this doesn't stop people from using it. Similarly the connection to the north bridge has safety concerns as does riding along 19th Ave North. A path along Mill Creek presents a unique opportunity not only to complete a loop, or connect north to south but also would offer a long uninterrupted stretch of trail that would be unlike any other paths in town, but because of the size of the road, lack of shoulders and speed of traffic it is not suited for riding in in its current configuration.

Collecting public opinion on these plans will be extremely useful data as we progress and begin to develop our planning documents. Many ideas can be thrown around within city hall but hearing thoughts and opinions of the people who use these facilities allows the best ideas to rise to the top. Over the entire timeframe needed to fully complete the Transportation Master Plan the city will continue to seek out the community's thoughts on a variety of topics. The thoughts and ideas received will play a huge role in the policies and projects that this Master Plan will outline. This document will play a major

role for the years to come, setting goals and guiding us along the way. The open house was just the start, since the meeting the city council has passed a resolution to create a Trails Advisory Committee. This committee will help to shape the Bicycle Master Plan which will dictate the direction of future trail implementation and trail prioritization.

Everybody knows about the Discovery trail along the river front and that it's the most popular trail in town, but not everybody knows that you can follow it the entire length of the city from Eagle Point Park to Camanche. Nor are they aware that it's not the only option in town which is one of the biggest areas of concerns is the lack of awareness. Of course we all want Clinton to be a Biketopia, full of flawless trails connecting our homes to every desirable location in town but the truth is the city is still finding their balance and learning. A Trails Advisory Committee filled with informed trail users and enthusiasts will serve as the training wheels necessary to really get the plan rolling and start on the creation of a network of interconnected recreation trails and bike lanes. In the not too distant future the hope is that trail heads will be well signed, have large visible maps, adequate parking facilities, signage along the trail will be complete and clear while calling out popular locations adjacent to the trail and have bike racks. Major areas and locations in town will be easily accessible by bike and people will want to come from out of town to ride our trails. In order to get there, it'll take a lot of planning and during that time all opinions will be welcomed. The more information that can be gathered, shared and discussed the better the final plan will be. This process isn't new nor is it unique to Clinton we just finally made it to the front of the line. It's time for us to follow the examples of those before us, but let's do our research and learn as much as we can before we take our training wheels off because if we take them off too soon we will definitely fall.

-Zane

RAGBRAI Report- April 2018

According to the RAGBRAI website there are 68 days until RAGBRAI. I now have 49 training miles in. I hope to make 100 by the end of the week. This warm weather has sure helped with the training.

We now have 31 members and 21 non-members signed up. We have 34 people taking the bus and 36 people camping. I have reserved 2 buses with Wiersema's. We will be traveling from Davenport to Onawa on Saturday, July 21, 2018. The ride starts on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

I have closed our group for RAGBRAI registrations. (In fact, RAGBRAI is not taking anymore full-week registrations.) RAGBRAI is still taking registrations for day passes, however. Every year there seems to be a good secondary market for full-week passes. People with the passes decide not to go, and people who forgot to sign up in time can buy passes from them. RAGBRAI has a chat room on their site (RAGBRAI.com). I can also facilitate the exchange of passes for club members.

I have also signed the contract with Wiersema's for two buses

John
John Bonte, RBBC RAGBRAI Coordinator