

Bikes Committee Report

1. Bike light give away: As was done last year, Mayor Daley's Bike Ambassador's are planning a bike-light give away in June at the corner of Milwaukee, North and Damen. They are working with the 32nd Ward office on this, and there is a request for us to provide the lights again.

The Bike Ambassador's are also interested in hosting a bike-light give away in the 1st Ward, and need a light sponsor. The event date hasn't been set, but possible location is the Polish Triangle, which would also further our quest to bring attention to the Triangle.

Motion: To spend up to \$3000.00 from line item 6.01 to purchase 400 lights for distribution at two bike light give away events.

2. As a result of meetings with CDOT and other City representatives, we may have a very limited opportunity to convert meter poles to bike parking. All meters are to be removed this summer in favor of pay and display boxes. While pay and display is more convenient for drivers, the result is also a huge loss of bike parking. This project is in development, and will largely depend on coordination from the City.

Motion: To allocate up to \$12,000 from line item 6.01 to purchase bike hitches to install on existing meters. (\$12,000 should buy about 60 bike racks, perhaps 20 per street – Milwaukee, Damen, & Division?)

3. WPB is working with Active Transportation Alliance and ING Café to host a commuter station at the Polish Triangle during Bike to Work Week, June 15 -19. This is another opportunity to bring attention to the Triangle while also demonstrating our support for a safe biking community. Our financial commitment is limited, but this is an opportunity to spread the word about WPB to bike commuters.

Motion: To spend up to \$3,000 from line item 6.01 to purchase customized bike-related items for give away at summer festivals. This could include Bike to Work Week, our bike valet stations at the 3 summer festivals, etc.

4. Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail is organizing a birthday celebration of the Trail for Saturday, June 20. (The Saturday after Bike to Work Week.) The event will primarily take place at Churchill Field, and several other organizations are involved, including the Bike Ambassadors (who are organizing a kids rodeo and a bike tour) and the Bucktown Community Organization.

The Bloomingdale Trail is included in our master plan, however, there are limited opportunities for WPB to get involved as the trail is still years away from construction. In the interim, WPB can support events that bring awareness to the trail to help garner community support.

Motion: To spend up to \$500 from line item 6.01 to provide helmets for door prizes to be used at the Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail's birthday celebration on June 20, 2009.