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Aurora, IL 60506-8900

Re: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Mayor;

My name is Mary Jane Cross and I am interested in participating on the pedestrian and bicycle advisory committee. My husband and I have lived in Aurora since 1982, first on Reckinger Road until our home was bought by the city and torn down to accommodate the retention pond for the new police department. Now we live in the Orchard Valley community. We have been avid cyclists for many years, initially on single bikes. Then in 1994, we bought our first tandem to enable us to ride together at the same speed! I am an officer and board member of the Chicago Area Tandem Society. Over the years, we have done many one-day, invitational rides through-out the Chicago area as well as one-week, 300 plus mile rides in about ten states. Locally we ride the Gilman and Fox River trails weekly and are very appreciative of the new path through the downtown area. I also run and walk on those trails. We are members at the Vaughn Center, using the indoor track in the winter and taking fitness classes all year long.

Professionally, I have a PhD in psychology from Illinois Institute of Technology and worked as a school psychologist for 22 years. I retired from full-time employment for the St Charles School District in 2001 and then worked part-time for another nine or ten years. Since 2012, I have been a volunteer in the Adult Literacy program at Waubensee Community College.

I hope this provides sufficient information about my commitment to this community and interest in cycling/walking activities.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jane Cross