

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2007

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kim Burkland, John Speare, Kurt Niven, Jerry O'Neal

Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley, Brad Bleck (Board Candidate), Bill Bender (Board Candidate), Sam Campogno (Board Candidate), Michael Ryan, Roy Dudley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Introductions were made of attendees.

December meeting minutes were approved.

Bob L. announced that Scott Roy has resigned from the Board due to time constraints.

Updates

Website - John had no news to report.

Talking Points – Kim had no news to report. She will work on this for the next meeting.

Communication Plan with Neighborhoods – Kurt has contact information and meeting schedules for all the Neighborhood Groups. A discussion was had about looking at the list of Street Bond Projects and seeing if any of the affected streets had bicycle facilities listed for them in the Comp Plan, or are good candidates for bicycle facilities. Examples are Maple/Ash and Southeast Blvd. We could then meet with the Neighborhood Groups affected by these projects to gauge their support for bicycle facilities to go along with the Street project.

Bob T. suggested we focus on our priority routes to be most effective. He suggested that BAB distribute bicycling surveys to Bike Clubs and Neighborhood Groups to learn of their interest in bicycle facilities. He will have a technician in his office research existing bicycling surveys we can use as a reference.

Facilities Language – Bob T. had no news to report.

Bike Day Event – Jerry likes the idea of the BAB organizing a Bike Event for all cyclists in the City that could be modeled after Bloomsday. It could be associated with the Bike the Bridges event initially, but probably not in the future. Chicago and Quebec have successful Bike Events that draw thousands of participants. Jerry will talk to the Mayor about having the City sponsor a group ride.

Upcoming meetings – Bob L. and Kim to meet with John Pilcher, the new Economic Development Director for the City, in February to discuss a grant writer position that could address funding of bicycling projects.

The Inland Northwest Trails Coalition has a presentation scheduled for Jan. 24 at 6 pm in the Community Building. (from prior minutes)

Other business – John is investigating the Tuscan development project at Hatch and 57th since it will impact traffic on Hatch Rd. which is already a challenging street for cyclists with no shoulder and blind corners. Bob T. said the City has an upgrade planned for that road but the cost of \$20M is an obstacle

Loren discussed the League of American Bicyclists Bicycling Friendly Communities Program as a goal that Spokane should strive for. He handed out a flyer on the Program and on Boulder, Colorado which has achieved a GOLD level award in the program. The City would receive an economic benefit from increased tourism from cyclists and it would benefit the residents by making Spokane a better place to ride bikes. .

2007 Goals – John: Update the Bicycle Section in the Comp Plan.

Kim – Update the Bicycle Section in the Comp Plan. Initiate communication with the Neighborhood Groups.

Jerry – BAB-sponsored Bike Event

Kurt - Initiate communication with the Neighborhood Groups. Initiate communication with other bicycling stakeholders such as Spokane Bicycle Club.

Next Meeting – February 20, 2007

Board members shall bring timelines to achieve their goals.