

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2008

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kurt Niven, Sam Campogno, John Speare, Brad Bleck, Bill Bender, Amy Cowin

Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley, Todd Miller, Jayce Robertson, Lily Crytser, David Drake, Guss Morris

Introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes for December were approved.

Bike to Work Event

Brad gave an update. Planning is going well. Numerous sponsors have been lined up for product contributions, including REI and 2 Wheel Transit. Unico has pledged \$5,000. The committee is waiting to hear back from Group Health on sponsorship funds.

BikeFest

The date of the event is the morning of Sunday September 7. The route is a 21-mile loop along the Spokane River from Riverfront Park to Seven Mile and back. The State Park Dept. has approved the route. There will also be a short 2-mile route for children and families. A map of the routes was distributed. Bob T. suggested training rides be scheduled to develop interest and to test-ride the routes.

Community Assembly Resolution

Bob L. distributed background information on John Prosser's resolution and the BAB's Charter. Much discussion was had on the resolution and BAB's position on it. The consensus was to let the resolution go forward to the Community Assembly next month and to "agree to disagree" with it. The general feeling was that the issue is diverting the Board's attention from more important matters such as the Master Bike Plan. Bob L. will send a letter to the Neighborhood groups outlining the BAB's position on the issue.

Other

This Thursday Kim and Cindy will present an End of Route Facility Project to EWU students.

Bob L. said the BAB's presentation to the City Council on January 14 on 2007 achievements and 2008 goals went well.

Loren told of a potential "Bike Train" from Portland – Seattle – Spokane modeled after the Toronto – Niagara route. It would have an extra baggage car for bikes. He also has a

copy of the new book "Pedal Power" about political issues involved in getting bicycle facilities approved. He is will to share it.

John said that Hatch Road will be re-paved in 2008. Concerns have been expressed about a narrow curve near the Country Club with limited lines of sight for drivers to see pedestrians and cyclists. The City's plan is not to include bike lanes with this project, but to leave the existing wide shoulders in place.

Bob T. said his boss is opposed to signing Shared-Use Lanes.

Bob T. said impact fees on developer's will be implemented soon. The idea of granting credits for bike amenities was dropped since they are hard to quantify. Tuscan Ridge on Hatch has 100 feet of road frontage which should contain a bike lane per the Comp Plan. Bob T. questioned whether it was worth it to lane such a short segment. The consensus of the Board was that it should be done.

Bob T. said he made comments on a developer's plan that included re-doing part of 57th Blvd. to install bike lanes on 57th per the Comp Plan, but Engineering Services crossed out his comments.