

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Sam Campogno, Barb Chamberlain, Brad Bleck, Bill Bender, Jerry O'Neal, Kurt Niven

Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley

December Meeting Minutes were approved.

Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator

Interviews took place during snow storms in December. The top 3 candidates as ranked by the selection committee were asked to visit next month for interviews. Some of them declined so the committee is moving down the list.

Phil Miller Presentation

He is a consultant from SvR in Seattle with over 30 years of Bike/Ped planning experience, including the Seattle Master Bike Plan. On January 15 he spoke to the City Council and Public Works Dept. about the features of a Master Bike Plan and how it affects street projects. He suggested we identify a signature bike project such as a Bike Boulevard. He also said Seattle is moving toward 10-foot traffic lanes to support multi-use.

Bob L. suggested we get a list of the Six-year street projects so we can provide input early in the planning process.

Master Bike Plan

The Master Bike Plan will be included in the agenda at the Plan Commission hearing on January 28.

Bike Summit

The event will be February 6 at the Steam Plant Grill and funding is in place. The main purpose will be as a Meet and Greet and a Brainstorming Session for improving cycling in Spokane.

Bike Racks

The Downtown Partnership wanted to install bike racks last year in selected locations but Dave Mandyke of the City wanted them to be artistic, which is expensive and time-consuming so none were installed. The End of Trip Facilities are a main focus of BAB this year. Options were discussed for getting racks installed faster to meet the current need.

Community Bike Rides

Stakeholders are the BAB, Community Assembly, Neighborhoods, Spokefest Educational Committee, and the YMCA Pioneering Healthy Communities program. BAB will focus on identifying routes. Bike rodeos could be included. The timing should coincide with Community Fairs. This is a high priority for BAB this year.

Bicycle Friendly Communities

Loren handed out information on the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Communities awards program. He thinks Spokane should apply, but maybe should wait until the Bike-Ped Coordinator position is filled and the Master Bike Plan is in place. Others thought we should apply now. A vote was taken and applying now was the winner. Loren will take the lead on this.

Other

Spokefest is trying to attain 501.3c tax status.

Jerry said Bloomsday is focusing on being Green this year and will encourage biking to the event and registration.

Barb said Bike-to-Work has a new committee and Group Health will sponsor a Bike Commuter Challenge. Fundraising is going well. There will be a sticker given to the first 1200 participants they can bring to businesses for discounts and promotions.

Bob Lutz asked Bob T. why bike lanes were not plowed of snow this winter. Bob T. said he knows that auto lanes are the first priority, but the Street Maintenance Dept. would have to answer this question.