

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2007

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kim Burkland, John Speare, Kurt Niven, Sam Campogno, Bill Bender
Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley, Brad Bleck, Cindy Green.

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

January meeting minutes were approved.

Updates

Bob L. had a conversation with Chris Marr, head of the Transportation Committee in the State Legislature. He supports our work, and referred Bob to a contact at WSDOT.

Bob T. and Kim met with John Pilcher, City Director of Economic Development and Acting City Manager, and asked for support of BAB from his staff. He said we can work through Katherine Miller to get part-time staff to serve as liaison for BAB. This person could also work on grant writing with BAB input. Bob T. talked to Katherine after the meeting, who said there is presently no budget or staff to do this. She suggested turning it back to Pilcher for action since it is a political matter. Bob T. sent a draft document to Pilcher and is waiting for his response. Bob T. said Katherine deals with multi-million dollar projects and a bike project in the thousands of dollars is likely too small for her.

Bob L. suggested that someone else contact Terri Cameron on tying together the Centers and Corridors initiative with Bike Facilities.

Talking Points – Kim met with Kurt and came up with some talking points and a message, but needs to type it up. She will do this after the next meeting due to other obligations.

Kim met someone who could possibly help with BAB's Website design.

Kurt gave an update on SE Blvd. The East Central and Rockwood Neighborhoods support striping of bike lanes as part of the road re-paving. Tom Arnold of the City said that the neighborhood groups were involved in the initial project planning and did not support bike lanes since on-street parking would be lost. Kim believes the neighborhood feedback on bike lanes was probably negative because the City presented it as "get bikes lanes and lose parking". No pros of the bike lanes were likely discussed.

Bicycling Survey t – Bob T. suggested BAB enlist the Commuter Trip Reduction Program to distribute a survey. BAB could also enlist the help of the Spokane County

Health District. Cindy will help John with this. Possibilities are to include the survey in the Inlander or Out There Monthly.

Interest Areas – Sam, Bill, and Cindy were asked to decide on their areas of interest. Bill is interested in a Bike Event modeled after the “Bike the Drive”: event in Chicago. Bob L. said there is seed money available from the Hotel Association for such an event.