

## Bicycle Advisory Board

Minutes for meeting of April 21, 2009

In attendance: Bradley Bleck, Bill Bender, John Speare, Barb Chamberlain, Sam Compagno.

Absent/excused: Bob Lutz, Kurt Niven.

Meeting chaired by Bill Bender. Minutes by Barb Chamberlain.

Guest: Lt. Bill Drollinger, Spokane Police Dept., Bob Turner.

**Bike lane parking violations:** Discussed cooperative effort to enhance enforcement. Lt. Drollinger will discuss this with the COPS volunteers, who might assist in follow-up.

How this would work: We encourage use of [mybikelane.com](http://mybikelane.com) to post violations. Photos ideally will show clear violation, with bike lane sign visible in picture with the car. Second photo needed with close-up of license plate. We notify them when a new violation is posted. A first offense will receive a letter explaining the relevant law/municipal code. Repeat violators will receive a more pointed letter. Lt. Drollinger will check with the city's legal department on whether they could actually cite someone based on our photo evidence. (Tickets are generally written by parking enforcement, not SPD.)

His contact info: [bdrollinger@spokanepolice.org](mailto:bdrollinger@spokanepolice.org). He asked about attending BAB meetings in future. We encouraged this, as many cities who get League of American Bicyclists recognition as Bike-Friendly Communities specifically note their strong working relationship with law enforcement as one element.

**Bike registration:** No separate registration system is needed for bikes. Owners of bikes should be encouraged to record their serial number and the model of the bike. They need both, not just the serial number. Discussion about whether local bike shops record this for you when they sell you a bike; Tom Arnold at Bicycle Butler does this.

**Downtown bike patrols:** Begin May 4.

**Bike to Work:** Update on activities scheduled for May 10-16.

**Bloomsday booth:** Still need volunteers for Saturday afternoon.

**SpokeFest:** Update on activities for the event, set for Sept. 13, 2009. The start time was moved to 9:30 a.m. to avoid conflict with a run held the same day.

**Bike Coalition:** The Inland NW Bike Coalition-in-the-Making met April 15. Approximately 15 people attended for a brainstorming session on what such a coalition might do and whether it's worth continuing to explore the concept. Enough interest emerged that a meeting was set for May 27, 5:30-7pm. Erika Henry, a Bike to Work Spokane volunteer, is organizing note-taking. Discussion at the first meeting was generally that it would start small, possibly as info-sharing and a central calendar. No clear central focus so far. Need to survey a broader group on what they would like to see.

**Master Bike Plan:** Going to City Council in May.

**Gift for Joel Soden:** As thanks for Joel's hard work on the MBP, Bill Bender will take up a collection from BAB members for a gift certificate.

**Bike Awards Program:** Discussed idea of a "Golden Bike Award" or something along those lines to recognize individuals and groups that have raised awareness and been good advocates. Need to develop criteria, call for nominations, and have a high-profile way to give the awards so they're recognized as an honor.

**Board member recruitment:** Discussed attributes we want in new board members, how to recruit people for leadership succession planning so we have board members who will take on roles as officers and lead organizers on key projects. John Speare to work on a news release to recruit applicants.

**Bike racks:** Need to get an update on status of downtown bike rack installations, whether or not there is a cost to businesses to participate. Promote the ad deal that Jon Snyder gives in Out There Monthly (free small ad to businesses that install a bike rack).

**Stop signs:** Rockwood Neighborhood Council is concerned about the Street Dept.'s proposal to remove a number of stop signs in the neighborhood. Bob Turner will present at next month's PeTT meeting on this.