

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2007

Attendees

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

Guests: Councilman Mary Verner, Bob Turner, Loren Dudley

Meeting Minutes for June were approved.

National Park Service Grant

Louise from BAW is working with Ken Pelton and Kim on a applying for funding for a 2-year staff position to provide technical assistance for a Master Bike Plan.

Meetings

There is a Master Bike Plan meeting every other Friday at 9:00 am at City Hall. Next meeting is July 27. Two meeting have been held thus far. Ken did a word search for "bicycle" in the Comp Plan and did an overlay of actual bike facilities versus those listed in the Plan.

There was a discussion of what kind of Public input is needed for this Plan? One idea discussed was to put information on the website and direct people there. Contacting bike clubs was also suggested. A citizen contacted Bob Turner to advocate for making Rockwood Blvd. a bike route off the South Hill.

North – South Bike Routes

Councilman Verner was told the estimated cost is \$100,000 to provide bike route signage on the North Howard Route and provide bike lane striping on the South S.E. Blvd. route She said there may be neighborhood money available. Bob T. said there currently is no signing standard for Shared Routes. It was decided that the Board would push for the South Route first since the Comp Plan supports bike facilities there but it does not for the North Route. One way to inform the community about this Route would be to hold a public meeting. The Board could also issue a press release to Out There Monthly, The Inlander, and Spokesman-Review saying the BAB is trying to get these two routes approved. Amy Cannotta at S-R has a Getting There column every Monday that may be interested in this story. Rich Landers is also a possibility. John and Kurt will pursue. The goal is to get the word out about this and get input from the public. We should explain what we are doing and why. Bob T. said the re-paving of Southeast Blvd. is scheduled for second week in August. That is the best time to lay the preferred durable striping material into the asphalt.

Councilman Verner supports the creation of these routes and will work on gaining City Council support. She needs BAB to attend three meetings: Council Study Session, Council Briefing, and Legislative Session. She suggested the Board call their councilmen to ask for their support.

