

Bicycle Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2008

Present:

Bob Lutz
Bill Bender
Bradley Bleck

John Speare
Barb Chamberlain
Sam Compangio

Cindy Green

Guest:

Ken Pelton

Loren Dudley

Joel Smith-Inlander

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

MBP Draft Action Plan

Ken reported on the status of the Master Bike Plan. Joel sent out a draft of the Action Plan to the committee for review. The committee will meet to discuss Aug. 22.

The Action Plan will become a Supplement to comp plan. There are at least three steps in this 1) In late September there will be a workshop for the Plan Commission. 2) there will be a public open house and 3) in late Oct./Nov. there will be a hearing at the Plan Commission.

Finalization of the Maps

1. Short, med & long-term opportunity
2. Routes by type

Draft to go to the BAB in a couple of weeks

Bob commented that he was pleased to see the Draft Action Plan had a lot of substance and was a great beginning to the plan. It has substantially expanded the work on the maps.

Phil Miller

Bob initiated a conversation with Phil Miller, a consultant from a Seattle planning firm who is willing to do some pro bono work for the BAB. Bob connected Phil with Ken Pelton. Phil's firm is willing to have him come meet in Spokane for a couple of days.

Ideas for possible meetings when Phil is here include: meet with BAB, mayor, others. Meet with education sub. Comm. Barb brought up that there are some IDI WSU students who are working on solutions to bike and ped issues on the Riverpoint campus and that they would benefit from meeting with Phil.

Bike Ped Coord:

City Council just passed funding for a Bike/Ped Coordinator. Richard Rush is credited in moving this forward. Vote passed 7:0. Bob L. and John S. were there to document the occasion and to thank the council.

John will post the job description on the BAB website. The BAB will work to get this out nationally. It was suggested to post it at ProBike/ProWalk

New Director of Engineering Services Candidate

Richard Rush arranged a breakfast with one of the finalists for the Director of Engineering services. She has worked in Flagstaff and Minneapolis. Bob said that she would be a “breath of fresh air” and that she is very favorable to non-motorized transportation.

Spokefest

There will be a SpokeFair at SpokeFest -- Food vendors, bike swap – BAW will organize and run it. It will be set up near the finish across from city hall. Registration is increasing exponentially. 201 people registered so far. There will be a pancake breakfast. To get a T-shirt one must register by Monday.

Bike rack Update

This process has been frustrating, but may be nearing a conclusion. DSP and the BAB and volunteers have been working to identify bike racks for downtown. DSP is asking the city for matching funds.

Bike Rack Follow up

We discussed sending out information on the racks to businesses. Get word out to business districts. Bob will contact Teri Cameron-Stripes to get information out to business districts

DKS

John followed up with comments to DKS on the downtown plan.

Kiwanis paint a helmet

This is stand alone event at the fairgrounds. Suggestions were made to have this closer into the city so more kids could participate. BAB could help with broader distribution with schools in May as part of BTW. BAB could serve in an advisory capacity and help expand. Elementary PTO, PTGs, etc could be supportive. The question was brought up if the helmets were fitted.

Organized Spring/summer Rides

We discussed the possibility of pursuing car-free days downtown as a way to help get people out.

2009 possible projects

Documentation for Bike Friendly City

Continue and expand BTW and Spokefest

Work to get Tour de Fat here

Bike Free Sunday – from the mayor – in cities where the mayor has done this as a gift to the community it has gone over very well.

Suggestion made to expand the “Bike To” concept from Bike to Work. So it would be:

Bike to Eat
Bike to Worship
Bike to Shop

We discussed how to get more people out on bikes. Suggestion made to do introductory rides. People are scared about riding on the street.

D. Announcements

BTW - received a \$5K from REI and last year's major sponsor is returning

BAW is sponsoring Willie Wier – September 24th evening.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Green

Approved by: Bob Lutz