

# Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

## Attendees

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

Guests: Bob Turner, Joel Soden, Ingrid Cook, Sam Breeze

## SpokeFest

Bill reported it was a big success with 1255 riders. He has received positive feedback on the event. They are exploring a Lodging Tax Grant application for next year's event. Community Health Services offered to sponsor next year's event. The organizing committee will meet tomorrow to start planning for next year.

## Bike to Work

Barb said they received a \$5,000 grant from REI and are pursuing sponsorship from Group Health. May add a Challenge component for employers since Group Health does this at west-side events. Upgrading the registration process was discussed and Jerry said he will find out who handles registration for Bloomsday as an option. The organizing committee will start meeting soon to plan next year's event.

## Smart Routes

Barb said a Press Event is scheduled October 20 from 12:00 – 1:00pm at the STA Plaza to ask Congress to re-authorize non-motorized transportation funding. Interactive ideas are being worked on for the event.

## Pro Walk/Bike Conference

Joel attended the conference in Seattle along with Cindy Green, Loren Dudley, and Councilman Richard Rush. Some of the notable items Joel mentioned were that 10-foot minimum lane widths are recommended for cars in urban areas with bike lanes occupying the remaining space. Also Seattle is promoting "back-in" diagonal parking.

## Master Bike Plan (MBP)

Joel said a meeting was held today on the maps. The Downtown Plan has a bike map that has not been reviewed much. They would like to get the MBP, Downtown Plan, and DKS Study to match with regards to bicycle facilities. The Downtown Plan is at the Plan Commission with a decision due Set. 24. Joel suggests the BAB make a recommendation on the maps. Bob L. asked that recommendations be sent to John Speare for compilation.

Other

There is a Downtown Alternative Transportation Show on Set. 25 from 10:00 – 6:00 at River Park Square. Need people to represent BAB at a table at the event.

Organizing community rides was discussed. The Health District has funding available for this. It could be coordinated with the City's PET group. They could be combined with street fair events in conjunction with road closures.

BAB is due to present an update of our efforts to the City Council in the next few months. Last year the Board presented on January 16. Bob L. asked the Board to think of ideas.

Sam said Peter Ellis approves using the Spokane Schools Bike Education Course for other applications.