

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2006

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kim Burkland, John Speare, Scott Roy, Jerry O'Neal, Kurt Niven

Guests: Bob Turner, Bill Sharpe

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

John described the work of the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition and said it is a good group for BAB to coordinate our efforts with.

Bob L. has not received a response from Mary Verner on City Council. Bob T. gave him the name of a contact person at City Hall who could transmit a message to the Councilwoman.

Discussed North-South Bike Routes, with Kurt suggesting the Howard-Post-Wall route. John said he will follow Kurt on this route and will also look for other commuters to follow to see the routes they take.

The City's Bike Route Standards include three types of routes:

1. Bike Route – striped lane that is 5-feet wide
2. Shared Lane – Road lane that is a minimum of 14-feet wide that vehicles and bikes use jointly.
3. Dedicated Off-road Trail

It was stated that BAB must decide which of these we want to focus on to achieve our goals.

Scott suggested to Bob T. that Cyndi Green at the Health District is someone who could possibly work with the City on a grant contract to do research on bicycle issues.

Jerry said he will ask Don Kardong for recreation-related economic assessment information.

Sub-committee assignments were discussed as follows:

Scott - Education.

Some of his ideas are to publish a Share the Road pamphlet similar to Pima County and to get information to the public through the media. Jerry discussed the idea of a "Bike Day" at Riverfront Park that would appeal to all types of cyclists and get exposure for BAB.

Kurt - Education & Publicity.

John & Policy – Connectivity

He spoke of the need to represent all types of cyclists and target Centers and Corridors per the Comp Plan.

Kim – Policy.

She wants to pursue funding for bike-related projects. One example is to procure funding for one Bicycle Alliance of Washington staffer to be based in Spokane.

Jerry – Public Relations.

He wants to unify all cyclists to a common cause.

Bob L. asked the Board to send him priority items within each of our areas of interest along with anything we need to accomplish our goals.

Bob L. said there are 3 openings on the Board, and asked what skill sets we are looking for. Suggestions were: North-side resident, female, business member, young adult, planner, free-rider, planner. Scott knows a woman at the Health District who may be a good candidate. Bob L. asked the Board to think of candidates to invite to upcoming BAB meetings.

Kim and John will attend the U-District Alternative Transportation meeting on Oct. 18.

Bill Sharpe said he lives in Mead and is interested in making Spokane a better place to ride bikes.

Action Items:

- John will identify N-S commuter routes and provide this information to Bob T. who will pull travel and safety data for next meeting.
- John and Kim will tag-team the upcoming Riverpoint public input meeting.
- Bob L. will continue attempts to contact CC Mary Verner.
- Bob T. will provide John with the 3 different sets of terminology for bike facility designation; John will organize these materials for upcoming discussion.
- Jerry will look into getting economic data or how to proceed with its identification.
- Kim will continue conversations with the WA Bicycle Alliance.
- Kim will forward materials for Comp Plan revision to Bob L. to submit thru the INWTC draft trail revision document.
- All will think of possible new board members
- All will think of specific areas of focus under sub-committees and how to advance agendas, to include identification of ad-hoc sub-committee members.

Meeting adjourned @1930; next meeting 21 November 2006 @ 6pm.

