

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2009

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Sam Campogno, Barb Chamberlain, Bill Bender, Kurt Niven, Brad Bleck, Bill Kelly, Bill Hanson, Dan DeRuyter,

Guests: Grant Wencel, Loren Dudley

Prior meeting minutes were discussed. They should be amended to include that Barb Chamberlain was elected Vice-Chair. Amended minutes were approved.

Retreat

Dan distributed a draft agenda for the BAB Retreat on Saturday, November 14 from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. The purpose will be to craft a Strategic Plan. It will be facilitated by Joel Nania of Moss Adams. The meeting will be held in the WSU Academic Center Board Room on the Third Floor on the Riverpoint Campus. There could be a pre-retreat bike ride and post-retreat potluck with sufficient interest.

Bike-Ped Update

There will be a Community Presentation of a “Core Bike Plan” on November 17 at 4:00 PM at City Hall led by engineer Steve Hanson. This will include bike lanes in a downtown core loop with extension north on Howard for installation in 2010.

Grant said the sharrows on 37th and Southeast will be moved out farther into the lane, at least 4 feet from the curb. On 37th there will be three on the north side spaced at about 300 feet apart and only one on the south side. The sharrows should be installed within the next two weeks. The City wants to study the difference in effect between the two installations. And students will be analyzing driver behavior towards the sharrows on both streets.

Bob said the mayor asked for the cost of a sharrow and a sign. Grant will research this.

Grant is providing information to Engineering on minimum lane widths used in other cities. Portland uses 10’ wide lanes while Seattle uses 11’ with a 10.5’ exception.

The new Convention Center parking lot will have bike lockers and racks. There will be 8 racks at the corner of Spokane Falls Blvd. and Washington, and racks at the corner of main and Bernard.

A bike/ped survey was completed that did a morning, evening, and Saturday count. The figures showed a 38% decrease in bicyclists and a 13% decrease in pedestrians versus last year. It was thought that the weather being much colder this year was a main factor.

Ciclovía

Bill B. and Bob held a meeting with Mike Taylor, Ted Danek, Dave Mandyke and the Mayor on October 9 to discuss a local event. They proposed a 2-mile route from Howard/Buckeye to Riverfront Park to downtown. Feedback from the City was positive. An organizing committee is needed and a meeting will be held tomorrow at the Lands

Council to discuss. Two events are desired with Sundays in July or August preferred. It may be cut to one event depending on sponsorships.

Bicycle Advocacy Workshop

Barb said there have been about 36 RSVP's to the workshop with the Cascade Bicycle Club on Oct. 24 at East Central Community Center. Jon will lead a ride afterwards to One World Spokane for lunch.

Other

Bob said the new Board members need to be added to the BAB listserv. They should be sent a listserv signup sheet.

Bill H. attended a meeting on Traffic Safety. He said most safety organizations are struggling with budget cuts. He could get a traffic officer to attend a BAB meeting to discuss traffic rules for cyclists.

Loren said the recently opened section of the bike trail along the North-South Freeway is not commuter-friendly due to elevation changes and line-of-sight issues. He suggests we provide input on the design of the southern section yet to be built.

Bob circulated a letter for signature from the BAB to Fairmont Cemetary supporting the proposed land swap deal at Albi.

Spokefest

Bill said everything is in place for the event and he expects 3000 riders.

Bike Coalition

The next meeting is planned for September. The feeling is it will evolve into a bike info clearinghouse.

Other

A Community Ride is scheduled in Hillyard for August 8 along a 4-mile route.

The Northwest Tandem Rally will be held in Spokane in 2011.

Board Openings

The Board interviewed Bill Kelly, Bill Hanson, Rick Chauvin, and Dan DeRuyter for the two current openings. Bob will investigate whether an additional Board member can be added.

