

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2007

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kurt Niven, Sam Campogno, Bill Bender, John Speare, Kim Pray, Brad Bleck, Cindy Green

Guests: Bob Turner, Ken Pelton, Loren Dudley, Jeff Stevens

Meeting Minutes for October were approved.

Bike Boulevards Resolution

The BAB recommends Councilman Stark slow down on his resolution on Bike Boulevards. There are concerns of the resolution language being too specific on locations for the boulevards. The desire is to use money designated for "Bike Facilities" versus Street Bond Money. Ken is working with LeRoy to address some of BAB's concerns. Ken will distribute a revised draft resolution to the Board for us to review and comment on by Wednesday before the resolution is submitted.

Councilman Stark asked Bob Turner for the BAB to be on the "Council Connection" TV show.

The BAB's presentation to the City Council is scheduled for January 16 at 6:00 pm.

Albi Stadium Sports Complex

Jeff Stevens, Chair of the Northwest Community Assembly, handed out maps of the Albi property and of the proposed project whose funding was included in Proposition 1 passed by the voters in the last election. A land swap is being brokered to transfer ownership of for 14 acres of Cemetary property north of the stadium used by mountain bikers to the City for five acres of land at Wellesley the Cemetary wants for a shop. Also included is an easement on Cemetary property that would connect the 14 acres downhill to Riverside State Park. There is currently a dirt trail here that could be converted to a paved trail in the future. It is anticipated that on November 27 the Cemetary Board will give their President authority to negotiate with the City. Mr. Stevens asked the BAB to support the easement proposal when it comes before the City Council. Kim offered to help him with the agreement with the Cemetary. It was stated that it would be nice to have bike lanes on Driscoll and Rowan to connect to Albi when this project is completed. Jeff Stevens e-mailis: chris-jeff@msn.com.

SpokeFest Ride

Bill is working with the ride committee and plans are moving forward. They are forming a non-profit group and Kim volunteered to assist in its creation.

Bike to Work Event

The focus for the event will be on Friday May 16, 2008. Planning for the event is ongoing by the committee. Sponsors are being lined up and 2-Wheel Transit may offer a bike.

Master Bike Plan (MBP)

There will be a workshop on the MBP on Nov. 30 at City Hall. Ken is preparing for it and is working on a framework for the meeting. The result will be a Draft Plan to be presented at Community Meetings for comment. Ken suggests looking at the Seattle Master Bike Plan which has an Action Plan. Kim will inventory existing "End of Trip Facilities" including bike racks, lockers, storage rooms, etc. She is also working with Eve at SRTC. Kim asked the Board to send her locations of these facilities and photos.

Bicycle Education Plan

Sam handed out a rough draft which is attached. There is no current education component in the MBP but it should have one.

Meetings

There is a Street Improvement Meeting for Wall St. on Nov. 29, which includes the removal of parking on the east side of the street from Wellesley to Francis. Kurt and Sam will represent BAB at the meeting.

There is a Downtown Spokane Partnership Meeting on Nov. 29 at the Bookie at WSU South Campus.

BAB Bicycle Ed. Plan (Very Rough Draft)

What Other Plans Have

1. Bike, Equipment, & Gear:
 - a. bike & bike parts
 - b. helmets
 - c. lights – head, tail, & reflectors
 - d. locks
 - e. racks, panniers, & bags
 - f. water bottles & hydration packs
 - e. saddles
 - g. sunglasses & protective eyewear
 - h. gloves
 - i. clothing & rain gear
 - j. peddles & toe clips
 - k. shoes
 - l. bells & horns
 - m. flags
 - n. trailers
 - o. car racks
2. Types of Bikes For Different Activities:
 - a. dirt or BMX, b. mountain, c. hybrid,
 - d. touring, e. racing, f. recumbent,
 - g. commuter, h. tandem
3. Bike Maintenance:
 - a. the ABCs air, brakes, chains, cranks, cassette
 - b. bike tools & patch kit for flats
 - c. changing flats
 - d. lubrication
 - e. cleaning the chain
 - f. checking quick releases
 - g. cleaning your bike
4. State Vehicle Codes & Rules of the Road:
 - a. knowing traffic laws and rules
 - b. riding on the different types of city streets
 - c. riding in bike lanes
 - d. riding on sidewalks
 - e. riding on multi-use paths
 - f. riding on rural roads
 - g. riding on roads with shoulders
 - h. riding on off road paths
5. Where to Ride:
 - a. bike maps & trail guides

Spokane Bicycle Ed. Plan Draft

1. Hold 3 – 4 Ed. Classes Per/Year:
 - a. 2 – 3 day course
2. Get Trained Bicycle Instructors:
 - a. instructors trained through League of American Bicyclist course
3. Public Service Announcements:
 - a. inform drivers, cyclist, & pedestrians about proper sharing of roadways, sidewalks, & multi-use paths
 - b. review traffic laws, rules, & obey them
 - c. review safety equipment (helmets, etc.)
 - d. places to ride & places to avoid
 - e. benefits of cycling (phys, mental, environ)
 - f. emergency situations & how to avoid hazards & crashes (potholes, glass, RR crossings, parked car doors opening, etc.)
 - g. bike routes, bike lanes, bike blvd. differences
 - h. where to get bike maps & trail guides
 - i. announce when & where bike safety classes will be held
 - j. communication skills (hand signals, eye contact, scanning)
 - k. how to ride safely in traffic
 - l. simple bike maintenance
 - m. etc.
4. Partner With the Spokane Public School:
 - a. get out information about bike safety courses and special events
5. Partner With the Spokane Bike Buddy Program:
 - a. inform & help new commuters find safe routes to work
 - b. help commuters select proper equip & gear
 - c. educate commuters on basic bike maintenance or where to get help