

# Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2006

## Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kim Burkland, John Speare, Kurt Niven

Guests: Bob Turner, Loren Dudley, Cindy Hval

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Bob L. introduced Cindy Hval who is writing an article in the Spokesman-Review about the Board.

Prior meeting minutes were not reviewed.

John gave an update on the Board's website. He said that anyone who has material to include on the site should send it to him. It was discussed that the site is very basic and could use the services of a website designer to improve it.

Discussed the Economic Data on bicycling in Wisconsin which mainly focused on the impact of events versus daily use. Also, no data included on healthier living. Bob will talk to an EWU student in Planning who may be interested in doing a local economic study.

It was agreed that it is too late to plan for a Bike Event this spring. BAB will look to participate in the Bike the Bridges event next Fall and then evaluate other options for the next year. We have a contact at the Chamber who is in charge of bringing sporting events to Spokane who may be able to help in planning a future Bike Event. Other event options are the professional Evergreen Tour in 2008 which is scheduled to start in Spokane, and the Ride Across Washington (RAW). Kim said she will investigate RAW.

Bob L. received a Comp Plan Amendment update from Mary Verner on the Council. She said the Council supports a Bike Plan, but lacks the resources to implement it. Therefore, it will be up to BAB to do it.

The City's new Economic Development Director is John Pilcher. There is a meeting scheduled with him in a couple weeks to discuss a grant writer position that could include bicycling projects. Kim will also attend the meeting since this is an area of interest to her.

Bob L. attended a presentation on Southeast Blvd. re-paving last week. Mary Verner is to set up a meeting with Tom Arnold, head of Design Section, and Dallas Hawkins.

Bob L. talked to Terri Cameron who is in charge of the Centers and Corridors initiative about planned pedestrian improvement projects and how they could also benefit bicycling. An example is the installation of bike racks.

It was decided that BAB should make a speaking circuit to Neighborhood Groups a part of its Communication and Education program. Kim will work on a “message” for BAB and talking points. Kurt will help.

Bob T. assembled a Bicycle Definitions Sheet comparing City, State, and Federal definitions. It was noticed that “Bike Route” was not included, so Bob T. will investigate that further.

Kim spoke with Mike Basinger of Spokane Valley who is a cycling advocate.

The Inland Northwest Trails Coalition has a presentation scheduled for Jan. 24 at 6 pm in the Community Building.

The need for new Board Members was discussed. Potential candidates include Paul Fish – Mountain Gear, Mark Pinch – Tomlinson Black, Kelly Lerner – Architect, and leaders of Slickrock Burrito, Northern Lights Brewery, and Fat Tire Trail Riders. Bob L. will contact them to gauge their interest.

Bob L. will contact Sally Lodato for a Bicycle Alliance of Washington (BAW) east-side update and discuss how BAW can support us.

Chris Marr of Spokane has been appointed head of the Transportation Committee in the State Legislature.

Kurt will contact Rod Manerik at Neighborhood Services to get contact info of Neighborhood Groups so BAB can let them know of transportation projects in their neighborhoods.