

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2007

Attendees

Board: Bob Lutz, Kurt Niven, Sam Campogno, John Speare, Brad Bleck, Cindy Green, Amy Cowin

Guests: Bob Turner, Ben Battebrow

Bob L. announced that Amy Cowin has been officially appointed to the Board as a corresponding member thru June 2008.

Bob L. stated a desire to appoint a Vice-Chair to share the Chair duties when required and to be the Board's leader in his absence. John made a motion to appoint Cindy as Vice-Chair. The motion passed.

Meeting Minutes for November were approved.

Website

John gave an update on the new BAB website. He suggested placing the BAB e-mail distribution list on the site for others to use. Brad made a motion supporting this. Kurt stated a concern that the list could be abused by those opposed to BAB's mission. It was agreed that this could be handled if needed on a case by case basis. The motion passed.

Bike to Work Event

Brad gave an update. The committee is waiting to hear back from Group Health on sponsorship funds. Numerous sponsors have been lined up thus far, including REI. A T-shirt design is being discussed.

Bicycle Activities Funding Resolution

Bob L. gave a re-cap of the City Council Meeting yesterday where Councilman Stark's resolution for funding to support bicycle-related activities was presented. Bob T. spoke to the Council on the Bike Boulevards part of the resolution. Bob L. spoke to the Council on the part on multi-year funding for bicycling enhancements. John Prosser of the Community Assembly stated he supported the original resolution language designating specific bike boulevards projects in line with the recent PETT resolution giving the Neighborhoods greater voice in selecting projects. After much discussion the Council agreed to adopt the concept of funding the monies listed in the 2008 budget by a vote of 4-2, with the two dissenters supporting the actual funding of the monies.

Bob L. received some feedback after the meeting. Councilman Shogan suggested bringing the resolution back to the Council in March when they know how much money is available in the budget. The Mayor suggested the BAB focus on finishing the Master Bike Plan (MBP) with a required budget.

City Council Presentation

The BAB's presentation to the City Council is scheduled for January 14. There was a discussion on what to include in the presentation. Ideas were: Introduce members, tell our successes, education efforts, status of the MBP. Bob T. suggested using bullet points on one slide listing the process used for selecting bicycle-related projects, including public input. Emphasize our partnerships with the Health District, School District 81, BAW, DSP, SRTC. List any grants we have received. Bob L. will distribute a list of ideas for comment.

Communication

Need to develop a presentation on BAB's mission to take on the road to the different Neighborhood groups. The next opportunity for this will be January 4 at the Community Assembly meeting at 4 PM. John said KYRS Thin Air Radio is willing to do Public Service Announcements (PSA) on bike topics. Cindy said Channel 5 is open to showing promotional videos.

Meetings

Bob L. met with Andrew Rolwes of the Downtown Spokane Partnership (DSP) to discuss Bike Racks and Parking.

Bob L. has a meeting with the Mayor scheduled and wants to discuss BAB's priorities. He will send a list out to the Board to solicit feedback. One priority will be a Bike-Ped Coordinator for the City.

Grants

Cindy said the State is putting out a call for Proposals for Bike and Ped Grants. She has a meeting Jan. 31 with Eve Nelson of SRTC to discuss. The Health District is buying a membership to the Thunderhead Alliance which has many resources in the grant area. Ben said the County has a subscription service named E-Cibis which lists grants nationwide.

Other

Bob T. said the City has hired a consultant (David Evans & Assoc.) to conduct a Bike-Ped Safety Study of Division. One idea they are working on is adding bike lanes on connecting streets to focused transit stops on Division.

Bob T. and Ken Pelton have been directed to review the entire City Bike Map and make recommendations in one month. Bob T. said he would bring his recommendations to the BAB before finalizing them. Bob T. felt this was not enough time to adequately conduct such a survey and the Board agreed.

Bob T. said the 5-Mile Neighborhood wants bike lanes striped on 5-Mile Road as soon as possible, even if the lane is discontinuous in places. Kurt will contact Candace Mumm to discuss the issue.

