

Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2008

Attendees

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

Guests: None

Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator

10 applications were received and ranked by the selection committee per Civil Service requirements. The selection committee consists of Bob Lutz, Richard Rush, Gail Prosser, Katherine Miller, John Mercer, and Marla French. Telephone and in-person interviews will begin tomorrow of all ten candidates.

Phil Miller is a consultant from SvR in Seattle who's working on their MBP and is coming to Spokane on January 15. Bob thinks it would be a good idea to have BAB meet him. Details to follow.

Master Bike Plan

The Master Bike Plan will be submitted to the Plan Commission in January and then to the City Council. The intention is to have the Master Bicycle Plan incorporated into the transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan.

Bike Summit

John said a date of February 6 was selected at the Steam Plant Grill. The main goal will be to gain feedback from private business owners on BAB's role. The theme will be more of a social event than a business meeting. The question: "What can BAB do for you?" will be asked. Surveys will be filled out at the meeting. Possibly a larger group organization (i.e. bicycle federation) could be assembled from those in attendance. John handed out an invitation list and asked the Board to review it and send him any additional names. John is looking for funding sources for the event (\$200).

Brad commented after the meeting: "I'm thinking, and suspecting, after the cyclocross loss, that we want part of the discussion to be "how can we all help each other?""

Hillyard

Sam met with a group discussing transportation improvements on Francis in Hillyard. Also, a bike-ped trail is being planned over the new North-south freeway at Queen. Sam met with a fellow from the Morgan Acres sub-division in the County (north of Hillyard) who says they have their own Bike Plan and are interested in connecting to City bike routes. They are also interested in organized rides. County Commissioner Mielke is supportive of their Bike Plan.

Community Bike Rides

PETT is interested in developing rides associated with community fairs. Bob will talk with City Attorneys regarding liability issues for BAB-sponsored events. Barb suggested bringing the schools into these rides via an education piece. Bill said SpokeFest has been invited to participate in the Lilac Parade with bicycle riders.

Other

Auntie's bookstore will create a bike corral in front of their store for bike parking in the Spring/Summer. The corral will occupy two parking spots on Main St. that Auntie's owns.

Cindy said President-elect Obama will have his team in town on Jan. 30 from 1-5 PM gathering information on local health needs. The Health District wants to expand the list to include healthy transportation that would include bicycling.