

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the May 18, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Hamula, Jason Stevenson, Ken Yonemura, Mark Kennedy, Scott Lyttle, Shaun Jacobsen, Suzanne Stensaas and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee was David Brooks.

Also present were Amy Pufahl, Becka Roolf, Ben Bolte and Amanda Anderson.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Shaun Jacobsen.

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests – Shaun welcomed all attendees and everyone introduced themselves.

Public/Open Comment – There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Suzanne Stensaas moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting. Denise Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Connections

Todd had previously mentioned the open houses for the open space recreational facilities and wanted to let everyone know that the meetings this week are on the west side including one at the Northwest Recreation Center in Rose Park on Thursday. Jason S. said there is a new condo complex with 28 units going in around the 9th and 9th Gilmore Park area and they are only providing 15 parking spaces for those units by calling it bicycle friendly. It is a good biking area; however, the local neighborhood is going to be overrun by parked vehicles, which will cause a problem. While both the local businesses and the local residents would like this property developed, they are concerned over the lack of parking. Elicia had a great safety ride with kids from the McGillis School. She went to check out whether there were sharrows on 500 East in the Liberty Park section. There were none but there was still a lot of room for the kids to ride in a straight line. She would like to see if the sharrows could be replaced. Becka said they should have been automatically replaced and she will follow up on that. Suzanne was just made aware that there is a proposal that includes the Jordan River corridor within the City regarding some open space and natural restoration things that could be done with that stretch of land. The proposal is supported by many groups including the Audubon Society and the Sierra club but within that proposal, bicycling wasn't prevalent. Mark said there was some discussion about that but it was all without

regard to cycling. He saw something that said the Jordan River Commission wants to have natural open spaces, not trails. Suzanne said she is also going to Open Streets and Tour de Brewtah. She tried out an electric front wheel hub while going over the interchange at Parley's up to Pinecrest and could see the value if you're doing a lot of shopping. Jason H. went to the Mayor's Bike to Work day and was amazed by how fast you can go through town with a police escort. Scott wanted to know if they could circulate the next six or seven dates that are coming up for the potential bond. It looks like it's getting a lot of attention. He also asked who controls City Creek after Memorial Day. Becka said it is Public Utilities because they control the city watershed and that it is on the bike map. It is open to bicycles on odd days beginning Memorial Day weekend until and including Labor Day. It is the opposite of Millcreek Canyon so you can alternate. Denise noticed a BAC member who wasn't bicycling safely and urged the members to be a better example and more cautious so no one is hurt. She gave some handouts regarding the longest living people on earth and a common characteristic was being a cyclist. Shaun noticed a few things on 300 South including a bike counter and new chain link bike racks. Mark attended the Mayor's Bike to Work day and said there was quite a large turnout. He said the Salt Lake Trails group seems to be going well and had a large turnout at their meeting the previous week. Becka said Salt Lake City made some national news with City Lab and Streets Blog in terms of the protected intersection design. It looks as though SLC may be the first to construct a protected intersection. This will be a good learning opportunity. The City has also applied for funding for a bike bypass route parallel to 1300 South between State Street and 500 W since bike lanes cannot be incorporated on this section of 1300 South itself. There is too much traffic volume and right-of-way constrictions to incorporate bike lanes on that street so they have been working on a proposal for a bypass route using quiet streets with connections across the bigger streets. It looks preliminarily like that is being recommended for funding regionally as well as some other potential city funds going towards it. A graphic of the proposed route from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan was shown. The new bike map is also complete and copies were given to Committee members who have not yet obtained one. Bike maps are located in the Transportation office, all of the local bicycle shops and the City & County Building. Elicia said that since the 600 East plans haven't been finalized, she will wait until she receives the final plans to bring to the Committee to reflect on and decide whether or not they would like to write a letter of disappointment. Scott asked when the Bicycle Friendly City announcement will happen and Becka said she is hoping in June. She also said that Salt Lake City as an employer has been recognized as a bronze level business and that the State of Utah has moved up to number five in the country for being bicycle friendly.

Open Streets on 900 South - May 31, 2015

Amanda Anderson, SLC Volunteer Coordinator

Amanda introduced herself and said the City really needs volunteer help for this year's Open Streets event being held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 on 900 South. The volunteers are needed to make sure the vendors have everything they need and to be in charge of information and water stations. If anyone is interested in volunteering they can contact her or sign up online. She also handed out flyers for the event.

GREENbike Connection

Ben Bolte, Director, SLC Bike Share

<https://greenbikeslc.org/>

Ben Bolte gave a power point presentation updating the Committee on expansion plans, and statistics regarding Greenbike usage. He said there are community programs where you can pay \$5.00 for unlimited ½ hour rides for 24 hours or \$75.00 for unlimited 1 hour rides for a year. About 74% of their operational funding came from donations during their first year and only about 64% were from donations during their second year. They are hoping to renegotiate their current sponsorship so they can continue to both operate and expand. The cost to operate one station is approximately \$24,000 per year. Station sponsors cover roughly 18% of that cost. 45% of all Greenbike users live within Salt Lake County, 25 % are regional users and the remainder are from out of state. He went over their financing and sponsorship opportunities and further ridership information. There are additional statistics on their website for the public to review. They are going to try and open the stations earlier next year, possibly during the St. Patrick's Day parade. He showed the bike share map, explained why the stations are located where they are and where the possible expansions are going to be. They try to find the best possible location based on visibility and other factors. It is anticipated that there will be 50 stations by 2018. There is now a Make a Wish bike which donates \$1.00 to the Make a Wish Foundation each time it is used.

Sidewalk Bicycle Policy - workshop

Becka Rooff, SLC Transportation, and all

This topic was tabled due to time constraints. It will be on the agenda at the next meeting so the Committee can proceed with having a deliberative conversation regarding this issue.

Minor updates / Follow-ups – Transportation Division Staff

500 N / East Capitol Boulevard

Becka acknowledged that the BAC had worked with Transportation regarding back in diagonal parking on 500 North and East Capitol Boulevard. Transportation was going to proceed with this until they spoke with the State Capitol Preservation Board. That Board, which is a funding partner in terms of making some changes to East Capitol Boulevard including bike lanes in both directions on East Capitol Boulevard and making a better connection to Bonneville Boulevard, didn't like the idea. The City decided at the Board's request that it was reasonable to compromise so there will not be diagonal back in parking in this location. Scott indicated that he had ridden a similar section of 300 E, with diagonal parking next to a bike lane, and that the design with regular diagonal parking, although not ideal, is okay.

BAC member vacancies – advertising for open seats

Transportation was successful in finding one additional member for the Committee, Ken Yonemura. There are still two vacancies that they will be working with the Mayor's office to fill.

Motion: Denise Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

(A recording of this meeting will be available for one year)