

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the July 20, 2015 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, Denise Hunsaker, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Hamula, Jason Stevenson, Ken Yonemura, Scott Lyttle, Shaun Jacobsen and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were Mark Kennedy and Suzanne Stensaas.

Also present were Becka Roolf, Phil Sarnoff, James Allred, Sgt. Lisa Pascadlo, Amy Pufahl and Dana Ohm.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Scott Lyttle.

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

Public/Open Comment – Phil with Bike Utah has a contract with Salt Lake City Transportation for the summer which includes doing two trainings. One is going to be August 10th and will be one day training for hosting and the other is August 13th and 14th which will be training for people who want to teach a two day bike curriculum themselves. He said if the Committee members know anyone who is interested to have them contact him. Becka said this is a very good opportunity for people who already bicycle and work with children and would like to teach bike education in schools. Elicia said the curriculum already exists and scholarships are available.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Elicia Cárdenas moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting with one correction. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Connections – Jason S said the bicycle thefts in Sugarhouse have continued but people have been more pro-active at protecting their bikes. Elicia said that she, Mark and Todd met and looked at some roadway configurations on 600 West and 900 South. She heard many positive comments while out in the 300 South bike lanes and encouraged people to contact the Mayor's office with their positive comments. Denise read a posting she heard about bicyclists breaking the law, told them about a bike event in California and said France just passed a law they call the "Idaho Rule" which states bicyclists don't have to stop at red or yellow lights but instead just slow down. Becka just returned from two weeks of bicycling in Germany and Austria. She felt as though the drivers there really knew how to drive around bicyclists and that the

culture there was more in tuned to that type of interaction. She also saw a lot of routes that made her think more about shared space and wayfinding. Shaun said that is how bike education and driver's education can benefit each other. He also said he attended the Mayoral debate and was disappointed to hear all of the challengers criticize the separated bike path. Scott reminded everyone to keep an eye on the recreating bond in August.

Pedicabs Ordinance

James Allred, SLC Business Licensing

Becka gave a synopsis of this ordinance and summarized some questions and discussions from the Committee that arose when the current draft of the ordinance was circulated by Dan. Notably, several committee members had questions about whether pedicabs would be banned from certain streets. Becka clarified that this list was included in the earlier draft that was circulated to the pedicabs for their input. The list of streets has now been removed. James said this draft plan was started about a year ago based on demand. The City had been dealing with pedicabs using a contract similar to taxi cabs but that process is too cumbersome. Instead, Business Licensing is recommending the creation of an ordinance to allow pedicabs to be licensed, which is a simpler process than what is done now. He presented the Committee with the current draft ordinance which has incorporated feedback from the pedicab companies. In this draft, all of the pedicabs' issues have been incorporated. The ordinance is now approaching the final stages but the City would like to get input from the BAC prior to sending their final draft. Lisa Pascadlo asked if Business Licensing had talked to the police about performing background checks for the cab drivers. James replied that the police are already doing this under the current contract process. Elicia had a question about their license being visible to people outside the cab as well as inside the cab, and Shaun thought the ordinance as a class B misdemeanor was a little harsh.

Motion: Elicia Cárdenas moved that the BAC has enough information to say the current pedicab draft that they are looking at, without the road restrictions, is a vital ordinance to support pedicabs in Salt Lake City. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SLC Police Department Update

Sgt. Lisa Pascadlo, Bicycle Liaison

What the Police Department is doing now and hoping to do in the future is to receive a grant to increase bicycle safety. They had committed to doing 6 bike rodeos this year and have done 4 so far. They have also distributed 88 helmets and 81 bike lights and have made 27 total contacts on pedestrian safety where tickets were issued. Heads up placards are being obtained telling people how to remain a pedestrian and not become a victim. Bicycle law cards are being handed out and they are hoping to include some more light giveaways with the next grant they can obtain. Some night studies were done by Camp Williams and Lisa said it was amazing to see the difference in the types of lights and blinking lights being used. It gave them some suggestions to give people improved lighting systems. Next year the PD is hoping to have 8 bike rodeos and more crosswalk enforcement operations. There has also been a noticeable uptick in bicycle

thefts citywide with an emphasis on high-end thefts. There was a feature discovered in the PD's records management system that may make bicycle registration easier and more accessible for everyone. They are trying to make this a statewide program. She still recommended that people stamp their own identifying number on their bikes as sometimes the serial numbers aren't entirely clear. For high end bicycles, identifying numbers should be added to components, as bikes are being parted out by thieves.

League of American Bicyclists: Silver

Becka circulated the report card the League of American Bicyclists had given the City with regard to their silver level renewal and then earlier in the day she circulated a slightly more detailed feedback from the league. She wants the Committee to have an opportunity to reflect, discuss and give feedback on their renewal at silver level. It was briefly discussed right after the renewal came out and Salt Lake City's key numbers are very solidly silver so while they want to progress towards gold, silver is really an honest reflection of where they are right now. Jason S. said it's exciting to hear about what might be happening with education because it seems to be one of the more deficient areas which Becka said is one of the reasons they are trying to shift in that direction. Elicia said a way finding system is something that the City should really look into investing in. She felt it would do a lot for their image as well as the pure practicality of it. Way finding is very useful in providing people with direction to get to different facilities and is a relatively inexpensive way to meet one of the report card recommendations. Becka said way finding is something that is being discussed by Transportation and they have decided that with the addition of the 200 West separated bike lane and the 600 East Neighborhood Byway that they are going to start with wayfinding on a low stress bike network signing major destinations like Sugarhouse, Downtown, The University of Utah and the Jordan River Trail. Jason S. would like to keep bicycling from becoming a political issue and liked Elicia's idea of encouraging citizens to contact and thank government officials when bike lanes, etc. have been built as well as something like the poster campaign the Committee has previously discussed. One thing that Elicia really likes on the LAB feedback is the suggestion to create a community portal where people can submit events that are community based. She would like the BAC's marketing committee to consider taking this on. Scott felt that the primary reason the City wasn't gold was due to education. It looked to him like that was the biggest area to work on and should be their main focus. Becka said there are three key metrics in the report that are silver not gold and those are education in school, ridership and non-fatal crashes. Scott asked how they could control the crash data if for example, a rider runs a stop sign and is involved in an accident. Becka said that could be through education, enforcement and infrastructure. If the crossing is providing enough opportunities for cyclists to cross safely in terms of operations and infrastructure then people will be more likely to wait to cross safely. As far as education is concerned, the City does see the work that they're doing in collaboration with Bike Utah as the next step for their school based curriculum so when they begin trying to have all schools use this program, they will be able to say that this has real classroom experience and it works. David asked how the League measures ridership and was told that it is based on the American Community Survey which is the same data they use to determine ridership for every community. Becka said the next League of American

Bicyclists evaluation is in four years by default but they could choose to do it sooner if they feel that they've moved to the next level.

Construction Season / Brief Update

The 600 West project with input from the sub-group has been designed and is ready to go. There may be some changes in terms of the chip/slurry seal schedule so it's possible that this project won't happen until next year. State Street between 500 South headed up the hill to the Capitol has been resurfaced. The shared lane markings have not yet been added but will be put back. Usually with a slurry seal, the striping are added back within a few days, but the symbols are later. Todd said the chip seal on 1000 West between North Temple and 200 South is rather rough and the markings haven't been added back yet. Becka said the process takes a couple of weeks with a chip seal.

New applications - The BAC received 10 applications and will begin a nominating committee to go through and view the applications and potentially interview the applicants for vacancies within the next month. Scott, David and Elicia will help.

Motion: Denise Hunsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Hamula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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