

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the September 15, 2014 Meeting

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

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were Elicia Cárdenas, Mark Kennedy, Suzanne Stensaas

Also present were Phil Sarnoff, Becka Roof, Amy Pufahl, George Gehling, Tom Jackson, Adam Bullough & Colin Quinn-Hurst

The meeting held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Scott Lyttle.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – All Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Public/Open Comment

Tom Jackson from the Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee has organized a bike ride and would like to invite the SLC BAC. It is on Saturday the 20th at 8:30 and begins in Draper. He also mentioned that he is from West Valley City and thinks that Salt Lake City is a great model for what they could do in his city as far as bicycling goes.

Phil Sarnoff from Bike Utah invited everyone to a hearing on Wednesday the 17th at 9:30 in the West Capitol Building, Room 125. This hearing is to change the charges from a class b misdemeanor to a class a misdemeanor if there is a bicyclist death as the result of a distracted driving accident. If any Committee members are able to make it in support of cyclists or send a letter to Representative Patrice Arent letting her know that they are in support of this, it would be very helpful to further this cause.

Approval of Minutes – Motion: Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting. Denise Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bicycle Helmets

George Gehling, Brain Injury Alliance of Utah

George Gehling, the Executive Director of Brain Injury Alliance of Utah, spoke to the Committee about the importance of preventing brain injuries. In Utah bicycle accidents are the 3rd highest reason for traumatic brain injuries. Their non-profit organization

works with people with brain injuries, their families and professionals in the field who are supporting people with brain injuries. They also do preventative work including speaking to schools, scouts or any other group that wants to learn more about preventing brain injuries. They have a program called Head Smart that is targeted for elementary & middle school kids and focuses on what the brain is all about, why it's important and what they can do to help take care of it. Another prevention oriented program they have recently initiated is a \$5.00 helmet program where anyone can purchase helmets from toddler to adult size. George gave David some flyers to pass out at the Clean Air Fair. The Brain Injury Alliance is also enhancing their communication efforts through their website and Facebook.

Announcements and Connections

Shaun clipped some recent articles from the Tribune based on previous BAC discussions. He and Scott talked about keeping their eye on things that are happening in the media and discussing them. He thought Phil Sarnoff's op ed was great. They were also talking about how as a Committee they all make sure they are on the same page and that they are properly educated about these kinds of issues. David said the Clean Air Fair is coming up this Saturday. There will be a \$1.00 bicycle registration booth and a steam washing area for bicycles among many other things. The BAC had previously talked about setting up a booth there with the objective being to spread awareness. Colin offered some of the City's marketing materials and David said he will put some of these items at his booth. Becka offered publications like maps and stickers for him to give out. The bike count was last week and several Committee members counted and several were counted. Becka said they don't have the data yet but should by mid-October. There will be a data release party on October 15th and she thinks it would be great if BAC members who were available attended. The compilation of the data will be the next step. She also just got back from Pro Walk/Pro Bike/Pro Place, a national conference in Pittsburgh. She said it was a good chance to hear more about what everyone else in the nation is doing officially with bicycling. Across the country about 1/3 of the protected bike lanes are separated by curbs, 1/3 by parked cars and 1/3 with delineator posts. On 300 South SLC has all three and at the same time people still want more vegetation per Colin's voting. The 300 South curbs start going in tomorrow. People are going to continue to see changes and everything should basically be finished towards the end of October. Denise got a chance to meet with the new director of the State Fair to express her concerns about the new beekeeping booth and during that time had a chance to discuss her concerns about bicycles and the fair. He said that a bicycle advocacy group had already approached him about having an established area for bicycles and he thinks it is a great idea. He hopes to put an area in on the west side close to the Jordan River that will be paved and secure. Shaun asked if she brought up the possibility of a bike valet and Denise said that was mentioned and he also thought that was a great idea. Jason Hamula said that having not been involved in bike counts before he was impressed with the number of bicyclists obeying the traffic rules. Todd was in Santa Fe last week for a truck counting conference where they were talking about weeklong counts and semi permanent counters. He suggested they come up with an app for bicycle counting. He also said that the bike lanes on Redwood Road are now

completed to 2100 South. Jason Stevenson said he had spent a lot of time on 300 South in the previous week in both cars and on bikes and the newness is hard to get used to but hopes over time people will adapt to it. He spoke with some of his neighbors and most of them are excited to ride on 300 South and are also pretty interested in the McClelland Trail. There's hope that it will become a sort of natural bike path and the biggest concerns were coming mostly from resident's whose properties abutted the trail. He also invited everyone to a slow bicycle ride this evening beginning on Harvard Avenue. Scott participated in his work's commuter challenge and for the previous week he went 90% without a car. He said it was a great experience and he's impressed by how easy it is to get around the city. He also said that the Tracy Aviary now has an honorable mention for being a bicycle friendly business.

Committee Workgroups

Sidewalks – October (Shaun Jacobsen)

Future Discussions/schedule dates

Shaun said the plan for their group is to have a final draft with their recommendations sent to the BAC prior to the October meeting. He said there isn't a lot of new information since the Committee's last update but the draft will have recommendations, reasons and current circumstances in the city that may justify a change in the ordinance since it was established. Todd said a study came out that indicates people who ride their bikes or walk are happier.

300 South Protected Bike Lane – recent media, response?-Becka Roolf

There has been some media and a few e-mail discussions regarding the 300 South Protected Bike Lanes project. The group would like to collaborate on how to respond. Jason Hamula would like the marketing committee to send out some talking points. He feels that as a Committee they are in a position where they feel that they should know the answers, what the ultimate goals are and how to distribute that information. Becka said there are City publications regarding why protected bike lanes are good for businesses, makes it easier to ride and helps the air quality. She will distribute these to the Committee. The marketing group will meet with Transportation and start distributing talking points. Since Tom Millar is no longer a BAC member, Jason Stevenson volunteered to take his place on the marketing group.

Committee Membership / Vacancies

Becka Roolf, Transportation Division

There are currently 5 members whose terms expired on September 1st. They are all eligible for re-appointment however there are a few of those who will not be asking for re-appointment due to personal time restrictions. The Committee will be able to use the original applicant pool to look to fill those vacancies. The way it will likely work is that there will be a city staff person, possibly someone from TAB and a couple of BAC members doing the interviews. David Brooks and Jason Stevenson volunteered to help with this process.

Bicycle / Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Becka Roolf, Transportation Division

A public draft will be available late Sept. / early Oct.

The Transportation Division is internally reviewing the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Update. Once the internal review is complete, there will be a public draft which will be put out for public comment. The public comment period will likely occur within the next few weeks. When the BAC has been able to review and hopefully endorse this plan, it will continue along the process eventually leading to formal adoption by the City Council.

Motion: Todd Hadden moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Hamula 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)