

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Brooks, Denise Hunsaker, Jason Stevenson, Josalyn Bates, Nora Pincus and Shaun Jacobsen.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Parrott, Elicia Cárdenas, Ken Yonemura and Todd Hadden.

Also present were Phil Sarnoff, Amy Lyons, Becka Roof, Mark Kennedy and Dave Iltis.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Shaun Jacobsen.

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

Public Comment – Dave Iltis said with the Bikes on Sidewalks ordinance coming up, if the Committee was going to do anything about revoking the ordinance, they should think of doing that now. He felt the BAC should take a stronger stance against the ban of bicycles on sidewalks because there aren't enough places to ride and Salt Lake City is not following the Complete Streets ordinance downtown. His understanding is that the City is going to set it up so that bicyclists riding in the Central Traffic District will begin getting tickets. On 300 South, he doesn't believe the City is following the Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan. He said the BAC should have taken a stronger stance on this and that not having buffered bike lanes does not set a very good precedent. He said of the Foothill options, there's one good option, one ok option and one dreadful option. The bike friendly option and the transit option were good, the rest were a joke. There was no discussion of lanelets and he feels that safety is never going to improve unless the BAC writes letters trying to change this. He's hoping the Committee will address the issues he brought up. Phil Sarnoff said that Bike Utah launched their youth education program last week at Buffalo Point Elementary in Syracuse educating around 100 kids. They have a list of about 16 schools across the state with 8 of those being within Salt Lake City limits. There are other schools that have reached out to them and he said if any of the Committee members had any school connections, let them know that the program is available and give them his contact info. Bike Utah is also hosting their 6th annual Dinner and Bikes event on November 18th. Space is limited and the tickets are selling out quickly so he said if anyone wants to go, they should buy theirs soon. He also mentioned that if anyone has not yet read the book "Bikenomics" by Elly Blue, it is a phenomenal book and they should add it to their reading list. Dave Iltis also mentioned that the CIP budget is before the City Council right now and said it is one of the duties of

the BAC to go through and look at that as a Committee. He said there are some things on there that are okay and there are some things that the Council will overrule the Mayor on; but that it's worth the Committee's time to review. Shaun said he appreciated Jason Hamula, Mark Kennedy and Scott Lyttle who have left the Committee and was thankful for their past participation.

The Big Jump (follow-on to the Green Lane Project)

The City submitted a letter of intent to apply for the Big Jump and has refined what section of town they are applying for. Becka passed around that letter for the Committee to review. The Big Jump is a follow on to the Green Lane Project from People for Bikes. They want to engage cities around the country in increasing the number of bicyclists which is where the name "The Big Jump" comes from. On the back of the letter is a map of the area the City will be using to submit their application. The City is looking at including the East/West connection and tying the downtown area to the Jordan River Trail and North Temple. They are also incorporating three projects that have been funded through a TIGER Grant which UTA secured in partnership with several local municipalities. To their knowledge, it's the only TIGER Grant nationally that has been awarded for use on an active transportation focused project and is looking at critical connections between existing infrastructure and transit. For the application, People for Bikes is specifically looking for a neighborhood of about 35,000 in population or an average zip code area. Dave asked if the City needed letters of recommendation and Becka said she would check on that. Mark asked how far along the Folsom Trail is and Becka said there is some money for that but they are going to slow that project down a little to first use the TIGER Grant funds. Shaun noted that this application is due by October 28th and asked if Transportation was looking for Committee input. Becka said they are and if any members had any ideas, she would pass them along to the group of staff members working on this application.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** David Brooks moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting with one correction. Denise Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bike Education & Enforcement

Becka said this topic is related partly to the bikes on sidewalks discussion the Committee had earlier. She met with the Mayor this morning, as well as the Mayor's Communications Officer and some members of Community and Neighborhoods. In addition to the Mayor being concerned about bikes on sidewalks downtown, she has personally been inappropriately passed by bikes on sidewalks in this area. She is concerned about additional topics and is very concerned about bicycle safety in general. The Mayor was very clear that she would like to start with education. Becka feels this is a very positive development and that the education is likely to come in more of a discussion form. The Mayor is interested in doing this in a balanced way with both cyclist and motorist behavior, as well as safety being discussed. Becka shared with the Committee, the presentation she had given to the Mayor and shared the changes the Mayor suggested. Throughout this initiative, there are several fairly consistent things the City is working on which are within the current ordinance, rather than changing the

ordinance at this time. There will be more education for motorists about what to expect from cyclists and for cyclists about using the infrastructure available to them. She went over the presentation including what type of material is being handed out and what type of police education is being used. Becka said education is the primary trajectory for fall. Enforcement will be in the spring, except if someone talks themselves into a ticket. For the past couple of years, the SLCPD has received a grant to reach out to cyclists and motorists for education. That grant scope of work has not historically included sidewalk riding but they want to add that to their scope of work. In collaboration with Bike Utah, the City has been painting messages on the bike lanes, it is believed that the police will be doing some similar messages based on their interactions with the public. The City also made bike rack sticker messages which are in need of a refresher as some have worn out and additional bike racks have been added. Social media is also a great way to reach people and Becka would appreciate any help the Committee can give by reposting or liking any of the information she has posted on Facebook. The City is also hoping to create some bi-lingual information. It was previously believed that some stenciling related to sidewalk riding downtown would be completed this fall but based on the winter coming and plowing, Transportation has been given direction to wait until spring. Next spring there will also be a separate publication made that is specifically sidewalk related. Josalyn said that Sugar House has a higher percentage of sidewalk riding than downtown. Sidewalk courtesy signs that say yield to pedestrians in the areas where it is legal and there is a great mix of people might be beneficial. There could be a city wide safety message about unsafe riding. Shaun said the history of the Committee is that they voted, not unanimously, to rescind the ordinance and realized that something different might be more appropriate. He thinks this is something that would be good for the Committee to get involved in. Becka said GreenBike is even talking about programming the kiosks to do some education so out of town guests don't get tickets due to not knowing the rules. They are also considering sending out text messages or e-mails to their annual members. Dave said the MBAC voted twice to remove this ordinance completely as the Downtown in Motion Plan recommends it. He feels it is foolish to think stencils are going to cause anything other than conflict and that it's a fool's errand and one of the most bike unfriendly things SLC has done.

Connections & Announcements

- Ken – 21st & 21st – Ken was not present to report on this subject.
- Nora & Ken – Foothill Drive – Nora went to a Foothill Drive open house a few weeks ago and said it's largely the same 4 or 5 options that were presented in May. She said one is good for bikes but is unrealistic and the rest ignore bikes. The answer seems to be that bikes can use Wasatch Blvd but she doesn't feel it's a good alternative to getting to the U. Shaun agreed and said people also can't get to shopping and other things. He does not feel that bicycling seems to be part of the plan. He was at that meeting as well and said that most people commenting were people who

live in that area and were concerned about how their daily transportation would be affected. He said it would be nice to see more cyclists comment on this. Becka has posted about this subject on Facebook a few times trying to get more cyclists to comment. Nora said the time to comment is now. She would be happy to draft a letter to send and Josalyn offered to help. Shaun said most of the cyclists that were at that meeting seemed to be recreational rather than commuter cyclists.

Motion: Jason Stevenson motioned that the Committee would draft a letter for the Foothill Plan which will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Nora Pincus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Todd – Transportation Advisory Board – Todd was not present to report on this subject.
- Lisa Pascadlo – SLCPD – Lisa was not present to report on this subject.
- Jason S. – McClelland Trail – Jason said construction of the McClelland trail is happening at different points along the trail and it looks like it's all going well. Talking to people in his community, they've expressed excitement about the project. If there are any changes, he would like Transportation to let him know so he can communicate to his Community Council and they would also like to help out with an event or official ribbon cutting to open the trail.
- Others – David Brooks asked if there were ever any foot races on the Jordan River Trail. Shaun said he didn't believe so. Denise said there haven't been any announcements that she's aware of this year to clean up goat heads on the Jordan River Trail. Last year there were several. She also said the fairgrounds is working on getting a bike corral and she feels it would be best to place it near the Jordan River gate entrance so people could take the trail to the fairgrounds and the parking would be easily accessible. This year there were some bicycle racks placed in parking spot for cyclists. Josalyn asked if there was a bicycle education center there and Denise said there was not but the Fair Board should be educated about how important that would be. Denise also had the idea of asking some of the District Representatives to come and speak to the BAC regarding any concerns for cyclists they may have in their district. Jason said this was a good idea. Shaun believes the Committee should be more involved in open houses and public events and is also happy that Transportation took the Committee's advice where the 200 West bike lane hooks up to Beck Street.

Through Shaun, Elicia reported that the 600 East Neighborhood Byway letter, as discussed at the last meeting, had been sent and thanked those who helped. She also received a letter from an out of town cyclist who was very impressed while cycling in Utah and expressed his appreciation for the bicycle friendly environment.

Fall Funding Opportunities - Committee suggestions

To Becka's knowledge, the CIP is on the Council agenda tomorrow. They will be looking at applications that Transportation put in last winter and that BAC were given a presentation on back then. Transportation developed the applications as staff, put them forward through a Citizens Review Committee, the BAC supported their applications, the Citizen Committee ranked them, the Mayor's Office recommended the ones they supported and now the City Council decides which projects will be funded. It is appropriate for the BAC to pay attention to that process and there should be a public hearing coming up in the near future. This is a good time for the BAC to go and ask them to fund specific items. Shaun proposed that the Committee send a letter. As soon as the prior year applications have been decided on, there is specific timeframe where Transportation will be asked to apply for next year's round. Becka asked the Committee what projects they've been thinking about. She said she's heard a lot about the Bonneville Blvd. Golf Course Bikeway Trail. Nora brought up Sugar House connectivity. Dave Iltis suggested they contact the City Council now regarding the CIP applications currently being reviewed rather than waiting to prepare a letter. He suggested they e-mail their individual comments to comments.council@slcgov.com.

Brief Follow-ups

Becka Roof, Salt Lake City Transportation

- Bike Education in Schools – This was covered in a previous discussion earlier in the meeting.
- U to DT Bikeway – This project is under construction. The slurry seal was put in last week and the striping is scheduled for tomorrow.
- 2016 Construction Season – Chip and slurry seal is winding down for the year but there are still some missing bike symbols that should be added over the next month or so. If there is a street that has been resurfaced and is missing the symbols, members should let Becka know so she can be sure those areas are on the calendar.
- BAC Vacancies – Becka has been in touch with the Mayor's office who has been doing outreach to some of the local bike shops to find interested people to fill these vacancies. If the BAC members know anyone who might want to apply, let them know there are currently openings. The openings are in Districts 3, 4 and 6 but it is not a requirement to be in those districts.

- Outside Connections – There are no outside connections on this agenda because Becka needs some time to make sure this portion of the agenda will work out the way the Committee would like.
- National Recognitions – Salt Lake City has moved up from #26 in the country for bicycling to #14 according to Bicycling Magazine.

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)