

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the November 16, 2015 Meeting

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

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were Denise Hunsaker and Mark Kennedy.

Also present were Elliott Mott, Amy Lyons, Phil Sarnoff, Josalyn Bates, Sgt. Lisa Pascadlo, Eliot Setzer, David Parrott, Becca Roolf and Dan Rutledge.

The meeting, held at the Salt Lake City & County Building, 451 South State Street, Cannon Room (#335), Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Shaun Jacobsen.

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

Public/Open Comment – Elliott Mott gave a handout with pictures and a map of sections of the Jordan River Parkway. He would like to request that the Committee consider modifying the south abutment of the bridge project to accommodate the water trail access point where boaters can get off river and onto the trail. One of the unique things about the Jordan River Parkway is being next to a river which allows boaters and cyclist enthusiasts to use their bike as a transport vehicle back to their put in location, the parallel nature of the bike path and river allowing that to be possible. There are 14 water trail sections between Utah Lake and the Great Salt Lake that you can float and 4 of those are in Salt Lake City. The middle section is what causes problems, from 200 South to North Temple; it's the canoe shoot section. You get into that section and often times the channel is blocked with debris and you can't get through or sometimes the water levels aren't conducive so you need to get off the river. Right now the best options aren't great due to parking, location or other issues. He thinks now is a real opportune time to consider adding a water trail to your bridge plans on the south abutment of the bridge project. All boaters need is a sloping ramp out of the river. Shaun said this was an interesting idea but a completely separate issue. Elliot said he's going to talk to the Trails Commission as well.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. Elicia Cárdenas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bicycle Network Wayfinding - discussion

All, with guest participation from George Deneris, SLCo Active Transportation

Becka went over the wayfinding presentation that she showed at the previous meeting as a refresher. Elicia thinks signing the existing low stress bikeways should be first. She also said that something that hasn't really been looked at is using bike dots for wayfinding. They aren't necessarily signs on the street but are dots with arrows coming off of them and she feels there would be a lot of places those would be helpful. Becka said that shared lane markings are being used instead of bike dots even in Portland. It's the same concept as bike dots but bigger and easier to use. David asked what type of wayfinding costs more. Becka said in the long run, putting something in the roadway is more expensive because it must be maintained frequently whereas signs last a lot longer and have to be replaced less often. Scott asked if marking destinations was meant to show you that you're now there or how to get there and Jason H said one side could be an informational kiosk at the destination or monument but asked what the real purpose of wayfinding is. Is it to get you from point a to point b or keep you on a specific route. Becka said from her perspective, she was looking at destination rather than keeping cyclists on a specific route. She feels it's a matter of communicating so if you're downtown, you have signs to guide you and streamlined directions to another destination. David really likes the idea of having it show you that you're on a bike route. Todd said one of the things about the Jordan River Trail is that people don't know when they can get off and get to their destination. Shaun said it seems like the wayfinding on the Jordan River is different than in town. The trail systems would be geared towards locals and in town geared towards tourists. Elicia disagreed saying as a local, she doesn't want to carry a bike map or pull out her phone for route information. Todd said it is not specifically for tourists but rather for all bicyclists that don't know the route. David likes adding wayfinding signs under the current bike route signs. Ken sees people biking all the time and thinks that an app for bicycle preferred routes would be helpful. Becka said there is an app they can look at which has a pdf version of the map but you can't do routing off of it. David and Becka discussed his sign preference and the possibilities for it. Becka discussed a wayfinding map and said there are generally only three destinations on a sign or four at most. Jason H. asked if the City has considered working with other entities so there is some continuity with the signs. Becka said they have been working with the County to do just that, thanked the Committee for the good concepts and said they will talk about it again when more specific routes have been worked out.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan

The City Council is considering the draft plan: walkbikeslc.com

The City Council has this plan on their work session agenda for tomorrow. Their tentative schedule is moving quickly with a potential public hearing on December 1st and with this being a potential action item on their agenda on December 8th which is very assertive action for a master plan. This plan was originally submitted to the Council in March. Shaun said it would be nice to have this approved in December since the climate could possibly change and asked if a letter of recommendation from the BAC would help expedite this approval. David thought the BAC should send someone to speak on their behalf in favor of the plan. Becka said since tomorrow was just a work

session where no public comment would be heard, it would be best to wait until the public hearing.

Motion: Elicia Cárdenas moved that whatever BAC member attends the public hearing on this matter can speak in favor of the plan for the entire Committee. Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elicia said she didn't think it would be a bad idea if more than one Committee member showed up and spoke up at the public hearing.

SLC Police Department updates

Sgt. Lisa Pascadlo – SLC PD

Sgt. Pascadlo said the SLC PD bike squad still exists. Their mission changed for awhile and they were needed in vehicles rather than on bike patrol. They are not call responsive which means they are dealing with problems as they encounter them. The primary patrol locations are Pioneer Park, Liberty Park, Sugarhouse Park and the Sugarhouse business district. SLC PD did receive additional funding for more bicycle officers but because it takes time to train them, they won't be out in the field until about June of 2016. There are additional officers that they are hoping to have certified as bicycle officers to do bike patrol as needed. Elicia asked why the public is not allowed to ride on the sidewalk but the officers are. Sgt. Pascadlo said there are exemptions for bicycle officers who are usually responding to calls that are from the curbside in and very rarely responding to something in the roadway. Jason S asked what things are the most prevalent things they come across and was told that with the cold they are going to come across "man down" often. They will make sure the individuals are ok and let them know what services are available to them. There are also suppression efforts for drug dealers and since there have been some violent crimes happening at the shelter sometimes the officers are paired up into four's rather than just two's. They are experiencing being surrounded by unfriendly people in that area right now and they need the ability to get more officers in quickly.

BAC Chair / Vice-Chair Terms – when to hold elections?

When the BAC elected Shaun and Scott, technically their terms were for two years however; since the website says elections are to be held in the fall, the Committee is off cycle. Becka wanted to know if they would like to have elections now or wait until February. Elicia felt it might be useful to hold off until February and let the current Chair and Vice-Chair finish their terms. Becka explained the nomination process and let them know that process could be changed as well.

Motion: Shaun Jacobsen moved that the BAC will hold an election at their February meeting and that at the next meeting they will further discuss the process for election. Elicia Cárdenas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Becka noted that the next meeting would be scheduled to occur on December 21st and in addition to it being a holiday week, Katie Lewis from the City Attorney's office needs to

give them their Open Meeting Law training prior to the end of the year but is not available that day.

Motion: David Brooks moved that the BAC will move their December meeting to be held on December 14th. Todd Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements & Connections – Todd asked about the cycling accident at the Redwood Road overpass. Becca said Transportation would like to do a review of that design but have not heard anything further. David said the Clean Air Fair is on December 5th from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Bryant Middle School and asked if the BAC was in jeopardy due to possible new leadership. Becca explained the organization of the BAC and said to her knowledge, the Committee will continue. Shaun wanted to know the status of the sidewalk bicycling ordinance. Becca said it may be on December's agenda.

Motion: Jason Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Hamula seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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