

SALT LAKE CITY

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the November 20, 2017 Meeting

Present from the Bicycle Advisory Committee were David Parrott, Elicia Cárdenas, Jason Stevenson, Josalyn Bates, Omar Poole, Shaun Jacobsen and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting David Brooks and Denise Hunsaker.

Also present were Jon Larsen, Elliott Mott, Amy Lyons, Becca Roof, Kristin Riker, Troy Baker, Dave Iltis, Rusty Diehl, Cris Jones and Erinn Summers.

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 Elicia Cárdenas.

Public Comment – Erinn from the Mayor’s Office discussed the importance of their diversity study and encouraged the Committee members to take it. Dave Iltis spoke to the Council regarding the Transit Master Plan. The Council added streetcars back into the plan but that hasn’t been officially approved yet. Dave felt this is relevant to the BAC in the future due to potentially dangerous rail crossings. He said the North Temple bridge opened on Saturday and that it is an incredible piece of infrastructure. He also mentioned some articles published in Bike Utah. Elliott has been on the Jordan River parkway recently and said the new wayfinding signs are really nice. He thought some directional arrows on the trails would be good so people know which way to go and which side to stay on. He said the bridge over the Jordan River at Indiana Avenue is great, really well designed and he would like to see a sign letting river users know where it is.

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests – Elicia welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. She had all attendees play a non-verbal, get to know each other activity.

Approval of Minutes– **Motion:** Shaun Jacobsen moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting. Todd Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion with New Transportation Director

Jon Larsen, SLC Transportation Director

Jon introduced himself and shared his background, education and work experience. He regularly bicycles and is excited to continue making Salt Lake City a place where people of all ages and abilities are comfortable riding their bikes. Responding to a question from Elicia, Jon said one of the biggest barriers he sees for cycling within SLC is the

perception that cycling is unsafe. SLC has made tremendous strides to make cycling safe and when possible, will continue investment in areas that make sense to him. The Committee members asked questions regarding invisible commuters, increased infrastructure and adding a bicycling section on the driver's license test. Jon said Transportation is going to continue adding infrastructure throughout the city when possible and while he is supportive of adding a bicycling section to the driver's license test, he thinks Bike Utah would be the best champion of that. Rusty asked about the City's role in bike sharing. Jon said GreenBike is a non-profit, the city helped them get started and he is a de-facto member as the Transportation Director. The WFRC helped them with their calculations to look at federal funding for an expansion. Rusty asked about electric bicycles and Jon said that is something GreenBike has looked at as having some potential in the future. Jon asked the Committee what they thought of electric bike speeds and mixing of the different types of bicycle. There was some discussion of the different classes of electric bikes and the legality of where they can be used. Responding to a question about Bicycle Benefits, Becka explained the bicycle benefits program and said because that organization is not set up as a non-profit, there are limits to what the City can do to assist them but they are supportive of them and are willing to help make connections for them when possible.

Liberty Park Path & Signage

Kristin Riker, SLC Parks Director

Kristin works on several different trail systems with Salt Lake City including the Liberty Park multi-use pathway going around the park. In the past summer, there have been more comments than normal regarding users not knowing where to be on the pathway. After speaking with some people that work within and use the park recreationally, they decided to put some signs out to help people understand general etiquette rules to help the avoidance of collisions. She showed some stencils they are also considering using and they are going to put a line down the center of the 12 foot path. The Committee discussed other possible options and shared several ideas with Kristin. She said if they come up with additional ideas they would like to share, they may leave comments on the Parks website which is www.slcgov.com/cityparks.

Connections & Announcements – updates on projects & committees

- Chair Report – Elicia – Elicia went to a City Council meeting and reaffirmed the BAC's support of the Transit Master Plan.
- TAB – Todd – TAB had presentations on Traffic Calming, Transportation Utility Fees and the Parking Ordinance re-write.
- 1300 East – David P. & Jason – Jason said there will be a yearlong construction project from about 900 South to 2100 South. Utility companies are going to do their improvements first and are going to try and minimize the destruction but the bike lanes are currently closed for most of that section. The City plans on keeping as much of the bike infrastructure open as they can by closing one side at a time but it will take about a year to complete including the resurfacing.

- 900 West – Denise, Todd & Shaun –Shaun said 900 West appears to be finished. Becca said the City Traffic Engineer still needs to go out and take a look to see if the speed limit could be lowered as the Committee suggested. Shaun said that for the most part there no longer seems to be an opportunity to speed.
- Parking Ordinances – Shaun & David B. – This was not discussed.
- Open Streets – Elicia & Shaun –Open Streets is moving forward and will be a large route. Becca said it will be in the downtown area and there have already been Stakeholder Committee meetings. That Committee has divided up into three sub-committees which include activities and programming, sponsorships and marketing and logistics and volunteering.

Foothill Trails Plan

Becca Roolf, SLC Transportation

The Foothill Trails Plan is being led by the City Parks and Public Lands Division. An out of town consultant came in and looked at what is there now, what current trails are well suited for the terrain and their current conditions with a focus on the non-watershed areas. The real focus of the open house was to get some discussion going with some of the land owners and land managers of the lands that are along that section of the foothills as many of the trails people use are actually on private land and not part of a formal legal trail. As a result of that open house, there was a lot of support from the different land owners and land managers in developing this formal trail system. The preliminary mapping is now online for the public to give their input on the routes. Kristin said Parks is in the works of putting in a CIP application to start this project and there is about \$300K funding request they are going to try and obtain.

CIP funding & CATNIP grant – request for letters of support

Becca Roolf, SLC Transportation

Becca went over the CIP projects that were approved from last year’s applications. She went over what projects Transportation is applying for this year through CIP funding and a CATNIP grant. She also went over the citywide list that is particularly bicycle relevant going through each project and the amounts asked for. She asked the committee for a letter of support for the 9-Line Trail CATNIP grant, and suggested that the committee consider a letter of support for CIP at the next meeting.

Motion: Shaun Jacobsen moved to write a blanket letter supporting the CATNIP Grant application. Omar Poole seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Shaun will help Elicia write this letter.

December meeting – This meeting was cancelled.

January & February meeting dates – Both January and February meetings will be held one week prior to their normal meeting time.

Motion: Todd Hadden moved to adjourn the meeting Shaun Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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

Minutes approved by BAC on 01-08-18