

**MINUTES  
of the  
CITY OF FORT COLLINS BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 22, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room  
215 North Mason Street  
Fort Collins, CO**

**FOR REFERENCE:**

Chair:	Luke Caldwell	
Vice-Chair:	Aaron Buckley	
Staff Liaison:	Tessa Greegor	970-416-2471

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Luke Caldwell, Chair, Natural Resources  
Advisory Board**

Karl Ayers, Transportation Board  
York, Transportation Board  
Joe Piesman, Land Conservation and Stewardship  
Board  
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District  
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins and Parks and  
Recreation Board  
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development  
Authority  
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board  
Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board  
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Nick Heimann  
Paul Sizemore

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op  
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board  
Savanah Benedick-Welch, At Large Member  
Terri Marty, At Large Member  
Annie Krieg, At Large Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sizemore stated the bike share program is in active contract negotiation right now and there will be a dedicated bike share item on the next agenda to discuss contract renewal or a new RFP. The contract with Zagster is renewable in one-year increments for five years and it expires in March. The vendor has proposed contract amendments which are being negotiated.

**2. AGENDA REVIEW**

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jig Strawther (spelling unknown) stated he is a student at CSU and suggested dockless bike shares may not be appropriate.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

York made a motion, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously with Adams and Dangerfield abstaining.

**5. FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS**

**6. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – York**

York introduced Karl Ayers who will be taking over as the BAC liaison. He reported on the December Transportation Board meeting during which the Transfort quarterly report was presented. Dean Klinger has taken the role of Transfort General Manager to replace Kurt Ravenschlag, new buses are being purchased, and ridership is up primarily due to CSU students. The MAX corridor planning study is looking at opportunities for creating additional MAX parking.

York stated the Transportation Board would like the BAC to explore the status and feasibility of solar epoxy cells for bike trails.

At the January meeting, Eric Shenk and Annabelle Berklund were reappointed as Chair and Vice Chair. The Board's Annual Report was also accepted and Councilmember Cunniff spoke at the meeting. Additionally, street construction repairs and plans for the upcoming year were discussed. The bridge over Spring Creek on Riverside just south of Prospect will be replaced and the I-25 and Prospect interchange will begin.

York stated the Transportation Board is attempting to facilitate better communication with other Boards and Commissions. Liaisons were chosen for each Board or Commission with potential transportation related topics.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Adams reported on the Parks and Recreation Board meeting during which the Board worked on its Annual Report and Caldwell reported on E-bikes.

Piesman reported on the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board meeting during which Caldwell reported on E-bikes.

Henderson reported the Bike Fort Collins Executive Director, Chris Johnson, left for a position in California. The organization has been working to define its goals for a replacement, but he is temporarily in the role.

Cranmer asked if Bike Fort Collins is planning to align with Bicycle Colorado. Henderson replied in the negative. He stated the organization made the decision to pursue goals in active transportation and equity. Other goals around increasing ridership and providing advocacy for safer biking conditions will also not change.

Dangerfield reported the Downtown Development Authority is working on the downtown alley designs, which are slated to be complete by the first week of February. An open house will occur on February 15<sup>th</sup> with construction set to start in May. Alley maintenance is assumed by the Parks Department.

Beatty reported the Senior Center, Senior Advisory Board, and Council are all attempting to pull the organizations back together.

Hunt reported spring student bike trips are being planned.

Chair Caldwell reported the Natural Resources Advisory Board has been discussing stormwater issues.

Cranmer reported CSU had the most-attended stop for Winter Bike to Work Day and CSU is attempting to get more people on campus involved in Bike Friendly Driver programs for work vehicles.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

- **BAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominations – All**

York made a motion, seconded by Henderson, to nominate Caldwell as Chair and Buckley as Vice Chair. The motion was adopted unanimously.

## **9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- **2018 Open Streets Routes and Dates – Heimann**

Heimann reported on Winter Bike to Work Day and stated the estimate for participation was 1,885. He discussed the top stops and stated there is interest in the City for having bike from work stations.

Adams asked if there is a reason Winter Bike to Work Day is not held after the holidays in January. Heimann replied CDOT has made an effort to combine Winter Bike to Work Day programming across the entire state closer to the beginning of February, which is also International Bike to Work Day. However, Colorado celebrates Bike Month in June and Fort Collins hosts Summer Bike to Work Day to June. December is likely used because it is a bit more mild weather-wise.

Cranmer noted the June and December dates keep the events six months apart.

Heimann stated Open Streets is an initiative that has been gaining momentum across North America. He reviewed the 2017 Open Streets events in Fort Collins and discussed partnerships that have made the events successful.

Locations and dates for the 2018 events are close to being defined. The tentative dates are June 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>, both Sundays. The top two preferred routes at this point are Seneca Street and Magnolia and Canyon from Oak Street to Mulberry. Alternative routes are Hampshire and East Stuart Street. Heimann detailed the reasons for the proposed locations which include integrating parks and schools.

Cranmer supported the Magnolia and Canyon route but stated the Seneca Street area is close to last year's event.

Dangerfield also supported the Magnolia and Canyon location and suggested reaching out to Blue Ocean and Otterbox.

York supported the Stuart Street location but noted EPIC events should be considered.

Heimann noted many different event calendars, including PSD and CSU are consulted before selecting dates.

- **E-Bike Updates and Next Steps – Chair Caldwell/All**

Chair Caldwell reported he has given E-Bike presentations at meetings of the Natural Resources Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Senior Advisory Board, and Land Conservation and Stewardship Board.

The NRAB had some concern for speed-related issues, but supported a trial period and generally supported allowing E-bikes on the trails.

The Parks and Recreation Board members expressed some concern regarding speed and suggested questioning the rangers about their concerns. The Board was also interested in a trial period and speed limits, and in doing an E-bike demonstration later in the spring.

The Senior Advisory Boardmembers did not receive any materials prior to the meeting; therefore, having a full discussion was difficult. There was some concern about speeds and there was interest in a demonstration.

The Land Conservation and Stewardship Board had a spirited conversation. Boardmembers were generally supportive of the trail component of the conversation, and strongly supported speed limits, education, and increased signage. The discussed a pilot program.

Chair Caldwell discussed the City of Boulder and its multi-use paths that allow E-bikes.

Piesman stated the Board and Natural Areas in general do not want to see E-bikes on unpaved trails. There is approximately half support for allowing them on paved trails. He noted the trails were not funded and are not marketed as being used for transportation.

Boardmembers discussed the evolution of the trail system to being used more for transportation and the desire to discuss Boulder's experience with E-bikes on trails.

Dangerfield discussed the importance of looking at this as an equality and mobility issue.

Cranmer suggested doing E-bike demos for all of the Big Jump neighborhoods. Chair Caldwell stated he is planning to do a demo at Open Streets.

Chair Caldwell asked what the end result of this process should entail. York replied objections need to be overcome at this point. Code definitions are being rewritten, but

the Code also needs to include the punishment for violating speed limits.

Adams noted rangers can enforce reckless and dangerous behavior without any Code changes, and that might be a better metric than a specific speed limit.

Piesman asked if Council is planning to examine this item. Chair Caldwell replied Mark Houdashelt has talked to Councilmember Cunniff and he voiced support, but with a 15 mile per hour speed limit.

Adams stated the number of bike stores selling E-bikes should be documented as part of next steps.

Chair Caldwell stated the Committee would ultimately need to make a recommendation to go to the Transportation Board.

Regarding a trial period, Cranmer stated it may make it easier to pass; however, if the inertia exists to get it passed as a full-fledged program, that may be more beneficial.

Ayers noted E-bikes are already operating on trails.

- **BAC Member General Discussion – All**  
(\*\*Secretary's Note: There was no discussion under this item.)

## **10. REPORTS**

- **Staff Report**  
Sizemore stated Greegor will return next month. He announced the kick-off of the City Plan update, which includes the Transportation Master Plan, on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Drake Center.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **12. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM by unanimous consent.