

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

**March 6, 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**

Aaron Buckley, Vice Chair, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Joe Piesman, Land Conservation and Stewardship
Board (outgoing member)
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins and Parks and
Recreation Board
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development
Authority
Sylvia Cranmer, Colorado State University
Savanah Benedick-Welch, At Large Member
Marcia Patton-Mallory, Land Conservation and
Stewardship Board
Karl Ayers, Transportation Board
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board
Alan Beatty, Senior Advisory Board

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Tracy Dyer
Stacy Sebeczek
Tessa Greegor

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Paul Lugo
Mike Douglas
Bob Coffin

ABSENT:

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.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Caldwell reviewed the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Lugo, volunteer at the Fort Collins Bike Co-op, stated he is interested in the potential use of electric-assist bikes on trails.

Mike Douglas, Bicycle Ambassador, stated he is opposed to allowing E-bikes on trails given safety concerns. He stated he has expertise in bicycle collisions and transportation cycling and offered his assistance.

Bob Coffin stated he rides a pedal-assist electric bike and is interested in doing so on trails.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hunt made a motion, seconded by Dangerfield, to adopt and approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018 meeting. The minutes were adopted unanimously with three members (Welch, Houdashelt, Buckley) abstaining.

5. FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

None.

6. TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT – Ayers

Ayers reported on the recent Transportation Board meeting during which it was reiterated the Board gives its support to the BAC regarding the E-bike discussion. Transportation versus recreational cycling and the state of the paved trail system with regard to ADA compliance were discussed. Additionally, members discussed how to address electric skateboards and other motorized vehicles and discussed bike lane clearance in terms of snow removal.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dangerfield reported on upcoming alley projects stating construction on the West Mountain alley will begin in April and Old Firehouse alley will begin in May.

Houdashelt reported on the City's hiring of a consultant to put together an EV readiness roadmap. He noted bicyclists were frequently riding on sidewalks during the Walnut Street construction and stated the May Council Futures Committee meeting will be related to potential re-organization of Boards and Commissions to make them more effective. He also stated a bill has passed the State Senate and is now being considered in the House, which will allow bicycles to slow to a reasonable speed rather than come to a complete stop at stop sign intersections and turn right or go straight through red light intersections.

Chair Caldwell reported the NRAB has been working with oil and gas, and water and recycling issues.

Hunt reported the School District is working on upcoming bike rodeos.

Buckley reported the Bicycle Co-op volunteer party is this evening and stated the Co-op Board is breaking down tasks into sub-groups.

Henderson reported the Parks and Recreation Board received a presentation on the whitewater park and additional funding sources to improve the project. He stated progress is being made on the Fossil Creek Trail and Longview Trail.

Piesman stated he was elected Chair of the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board.

Patton-Mallory reported the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board has discussed the impact of wind power transmission lines on north open space and has provided a draft position statement on the use of E-bikes on trails.

Cranmer reported on the last Campus Bike Advisory Committee meeting during which CSU Police discussed on-campus bike theft and the possibility of requiring the use of U-locks for all bicycles.

8. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Suniga Protected Bike Lane Update – Dyer**

Dyer discussed the location of Suniga off North College Avenue. Suniga will be a major arterial roadway and will include a protected bike lane. The plan is to create an attached protected bike lane which will help with visibility and snow removal.

Houdashelt asked if it would be possible to include a mid-block curb cut that would allow bicyclist to merge with traffic to make a left-hand turn. Dyer replied the plan is to depress the curb 50 or 60 feet back in order to allow some type of roll-off. Committee members discussed the movement of the intersection and it was noted the traffic will greatly increase once the connection to Lemay is made.

Dyer discussed snow removal plans for the area.

Caldwell asked about the plan for getting pedestrians across the Jerome Street intersection. Dyer replied pedestrian ramps exist; however, there is not really a mechanism for the north-south pedestrian movement in the traffic standards to cross stripe the intersection.

- **Fort Collins Bike Share – Sebeczek and Greegor**

Sebeczek provided the 2017 annual report for the Zagster bike share system to Committee members. She discussed the experience with Zagster and stated there is a need for more bikes in more places to serve various types of riders. She stated there were just over 6,000 rentals in 2017; whereas there were typically just over 4,000 annually with the bike library.

Sebeczek stated there are 5 new adaptive bikes in the fleet, including 2 side-by-side tandems, and 3 trikes, one of which is a hand cycle. She stated there are no electric options in the Zagster program at all currently. She discussed the process by which the bikes are rented and mentioned the recently-evolved dockless bike shares which have had limited success in municipalities. Zagster's response to dockless bike share is a hybrid program which has all capabilities of a dockless program with the addition of stations to build in predictability.

Committee members discussed the possibility of other bike share companies providing service in private student housing communities or throughout town.

Greegor stated the Zagster contract is up at the end of March and staff has been working with them on the new hybrid proposal, called Pace. Continuing the contract with Zagster does not preclude the City from working with other vendors or making other

changes. Zagster is proposing a two-year contract; however, it is currently a one-year contract.

Dangerfield asked about sponsors' opinions. Greegor replied the interest in sponsorships is growing and packages would be different with the Pace model. Sebeczek replied sponsors have shown excitement around the new Pace model.

- **West Mulberry Street Improvements and Pilot Project Update – Greegor**
Greegor presented the project plans and designs and discussed the scope of the project. Funding for a protected bike lane pilot project was received as part of a BFO offer, and West Mulberry was selected as the location for that pilot.

Greegor discussed the project safety aspects and planned intersection improvements. She stated final design will occur in the spring with construction beginning in the summer. Greegor discussed the recent open house on the project and stated most concerns were related to the change from four lanes to three. Most people supported vertical elements to the protected bike lanes.

Greegor stated door-to-door outreach will be upcoming.

Houdashelt asked if a survey of existing riders has occurred. Greegor replied much of the pre-evaluation, such as intercept surveys and counts, will begin in the spring.

Committee members discussed the proposed plans.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- **E-Bike Discussion and Next Steps – Chair Caldwell/All**
Chair Caldwell stated this action item is related to whether the Committee members want to vote on sending a recommendation to the Transportation Board at this time regarding electric-assist bikes. He outlined potential recommendations: no change, a pilot on limited trails, a pilot for all trails, or approval of the use of E-bikes on all trails with no pilot.

Chair Caldwell stated the Transportation Board has asked the BAC to provide them with a recommendation regarding E-bikes one way or another.

Patton-Mallory discussed the draft position of the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, that E-bikes in natural areas, even on hard surface trails, is not conducive to the natural area experience.

Piesman stated Natural Areas Director John Stokes is opposed to E-bikes on unpaved trails.

Chair Caldwell stated the Senior Advisory Board supports E-bike trail use; however, it suggested a trail will all components be used if a pilot program occurs.

Houdashelt asked how enforcement will occur and commented that arguments made for not allowing E-bikes on the trails seem to be equally applicable to regular bicycles.

Chair Caldwell stated it is a falsehood that people are purchasing E-bikes to go fast.

Cranmer supported a pilot for E-bike use. Piesman stated there are two types of opposition: that people will be speeding by and that the natural experience will be negatively affected.

Chair Caldwell stated he could compile a list of questions he received from Boards and would like to provide a draft recommendation.

Patton-Mallory discussed the possibility of using E-bike ambassadors.

Cranmer discussed the Pitkin County examination of utilizing E-bikes.

Piesman stated all Boards could be invited to an E-bike demonstration.

Committee members discussed the possibility of coordinating these efforts with the budget process.

Chair Caldwell stated a vote on a pilot study will be postponed until the next meeting.

10. REPORTS

- **Staff Report**
None.

11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM by unanimous consent.