

**MEETING MINUTES of the
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 8, 2010
6:00p.m.**

**Community Room
215 N. Mason
Fort Collins, CO 80521**

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Dan Gould	970-482-1074
Vice Chair: Chris Gaughan	970-223-1146
Staff Liaison: Kathleen Bracke	
Staff Support: Dave "DK" Kemp	970-416-2411

BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Bike Fort Collins: Jeff Morrell

Lands Conservation and Stewardship Board: Chris Gaughan

Transportation Board: Bill Jenkins

UniverCity Connections: Rick Reider

Economic Advisory Commission: Rick Price

Downtown Development Authority: Kathy Cardona

Natural Resources Advisory Board: Clint Skutchan

Air Quality Board: Greg McMaster

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Gould

ABSENT

Poudre School District: John Holcombe

Fort Collins Bicycle Co-Op: Doug Cutter

Senior Advisory Board: Unfilled

Parks and Recreation Board: Greg Miller

Colorado State University: David Hansen

At Large: Kim Sharpe

At Large: Cathy Mathis

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave "DK" Kemp, FCBikes Coordinator

Kathleen Bracke, Senior Transportation Planner

Diane Jones, Deputy City Manager

Gail Neben, Transportation Planning Administrative Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Gould called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **AGENDA REVIEW**

Agenda was approved as modified.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 11, 2010 minutes were approved.

Rick Price has stepped down from his role as transcriptionist. Gail Neben will take meeting notes moving forward, and Dan Gould will distribute the draft minutes to the members.

5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. FC Bikes Program Presentation/Discussion.

The information was presented by Kathleen Bracke and DK Kemp. A detailed agenda item summary had been provided to the committee prior to the meeting. The contract with the CDOT for the federal funding portion of the program will be considered for approval at the February 16th council meeting. Bracke explained the structure of the overall budget. Kemp described the various components of the program.

Questions and discussion at the end of the presentation by committee members included:

Greg McMaster asked for some details of the Regional Bicycle Coordination program component and budget allocation? DK described the aim to build regional collaboration by sponsoring a regional bike summit series. Collaborations would involve sharing resources for safety (e.g. Safe Routes to School, Co-exist project), steps to attaining Bike Friendly recognition, enhanced connectivity of regional bike facilities and bike use evaluation on a regional basis. The budget devoted to this component would support events, marketing, materials, and staff time.

Chris asked how Larimer County and Laporte are considered in the regional collaboration. Kemp responded they were included and that infrastructure in Laporte is supported by the county.

Rick Reider asked who determines the designation Platinum-level Bike Friendly City. Kemp explained that the League of American Bicyclists is one the oldest bicycle advocacy groups. In order to promote bicycling for transportation and recreation the LAB recognizes those cities that have worked at providing safe accommodation and facilities for bicycling.

Rick Reider, a member of UniverCity Connections, encouraged the FC Bikes program to keep a strong focus on bike issues at CSU.

Discussion of end of trip facilities focused on bike parking. DK pointed out that placement of the present green “U” shaped stanchions needs to be reassessed and they probably need to be redistributed. Additional bike parking can be added by leveraging FC Bikes funds with other city departments and other organizations, like the DDA and other businesses. There may be additional locations for “on-street” bike racks. Opportunities for sheltered bike parking will be explored.

b. FC Bike Library Program Presentation and Discussion.

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Questions and discussion at the end of the presentation by committee members included:

Gould asked if the new library lending sites use volunteers for operations. Kemp replied that in the potential hotel or bike shop locations, existing employees on site would probably be used.

Scutchan pointed out that there should be more Bike Library access and visibility in south Fort Collins. Further discussion included the opportunity for a bike library anchor at the South Transit Center. Other possible library sites could be at, bike shops on the Mason Corridor at Laurel, NRRC, and Troutman.

Chris Gaughan pointed out that new Fort Collins Museum and Discovery Science Center at Cherry and Mason (and the Poudre Bike Trail) could be an excellent site for a north anchor bike library branch.

Clint raised the possibility of the bike library being involved with pedicabs. Could there be a possibility of volunteer Pedi cabbies bringing in funds for the bike library from pedicab fares?

c. 2010 Work Plan Implementation.

Gould noted that there are already two groups of BAC members involved in activities that are closely related to items in the BAC Work Plan. Several committee members have been instrumental in the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition. This activity is strongly relevant to the first item in the Work Plan. Additionally, a new subcommittee (Chair Price plus Cutter, Gould and Holcombe) focused on placement of Share the Road Signs is at work. This activity fits into Bicycle Facilities "Interim Solutions" portion of the Work Plan. Gould proposed that these activities should be documented in an addendum to our Work Plan and Board Member reports on the meeting agenda should provide regular updates on these activities as necessary.

6. Reports

Staff:

Kathleen reminded the BAC of the March 3rd Plan Fort Collins kick-off event which is being co-sponsored by the City, Community Foundation, and UniverCity Connections. It starts at 6 PM with a social hour followed by futurist Thomas Fry speaking from 7 to 9 PM at the Lincoln Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring other guests.

DK reported that the development of the Bike Map and Ride Guide is still in progress. There will be a Bike Lunch talk on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the El Monte Grill at College and Prospect (sw corner) at 12 noon. The BAC members are encouraged to attend and give their input.

Board Member Reports and Comments:

Chris Gaughan reported that the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board were presented a plan for rerouting Spring Creek Trail near the Mason Trail. The board was favorable to the proposal and felt that the BAC should support it when it is presented. Kathleen will organize bringing this to the next BAC meeting.

New Business/Future Agenda Items:

Rick Reider will determine if bike-related ideas coming from the UniverCity Connections process would be a useful BAC agenda item.

Bill Jenkins reported that the Transportation Board often discussed the deliberations and recommendations of the BAC, and he inquired how much of this should come back to the BAC. Rick Price suggested, and others agreed, that if there are important questions for the BAC, a formal request for information should be submitted.

Rick Price suggested that Share the Road subcommittee and the BPEC should be standing committees listed on the agenda under reports just so they are not forgotten, whether they have reports to give or not.

Furthermore, Price suggested that potential and future agenda items deemed worthy of consideration by the group be listed at the bottom of our monthly agenda as a matter of course. This will help to remind the BAC of topics we may wish to schedule formally on the agenda.

A suggestion was made to DK to see if there is available space in the Coloradoan that might have been previously filled by a city employee to promote the FC Bike program and the Bike Library. DK will research this possibility.

March Agenda Items:

Spring Creek re-routing project update.

Design updates for the North College project.

Plan Fort Collins overview and update, on an every other month basis.

Election of a new chair on the anniversary of Dan's March 2009 election.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Gould
Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair