

**MEETING MINUTES of the
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 9, 2010
6:00 PM**

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

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Rick Price	970-310-5238
Vice Chair: Josh Kerson	970-416-6803
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BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance: Josh Kerson

Bike Fort Collins: Sylvia Cramner

Fort Collins Bicycle Co-Op: Tim Anderson

Parks and Recreation Board: Bruce Henderson

Colorado State University: Ben Miller

Natural Resources Advisory Board: Glen Colton

Poudre School District: Chris West

Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Coalition: Kim Sharpe

Air Quality Board: Michael Lynn

Land Conservation & Steward Board: Kathryn Grimes

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT

At Large: Dan Gould

At Large: vacant

At Large: vacant

ABSENT

Senior Advisory Board: vacant

Downtown Development Authority: Kathy Cardona

Transportation Board: Shane Miller

UniverCity Connections: vacant

Economic Advisory Commission: Rick Price

City of Fort Collins:

Molly North, Assistant Bicycle Coordinator

Karen Cumbo, Director of PDT

David DK Kemp, Bicycle Coordinator

Aaron Iverson, Senior Transportation Planner

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM.

Agenda review:

Vice Chair Josh Kerson asked for any comments. No comments.

Public Comments:

DK introduces Aaron Iverson. Aaron is from Timnath, he spent time in Arizona, now he is back and is our new Senior Transportation Planner. And everyone remembers Karen Cumbo, the Director of PDT.

Approval of minutes:

Bruce Henderson was in attendance last week.

Motion to approve by Kim Sharpe, Glen Colton seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

I. Share the Road Update

Kim Sharpe –

There were a variety of people on the committee and we were charged with the goal of communicating the 'Share the Road' message with \$5,000 of seed money from CDOT. Our idea was to hang banners around the city in a rotating manner. There are vertical and horizontal banners that will be hung around the city and we are targeting June for the launch and then again when the students come back to campus. We are also looking for vinyl banners to hang in local business windows. We will spend the \$5,000 on banners and the hanging of the banners. The point is to spread the expectation that people in FC share the road no matter what their mode of transportation is.

DK –

Did the banners cost \$5000?

Kim –

The banners cost about \$3000 and it is \$60 per banner hanging. Tomorrow afternoon we will meet to talk about what to do with the rest of the monies. The goal is to make these banners a rotating show that will go to the schools and Front Range Village, etc.

Chris West –

I have funds I can use to make t-shirts and have a sort of walking banner.

Kathryn –

How large are the banners?

Kim –

The City designates the sizes.

Tim –
Do you have to abide by the two week limit?

Kim –
Yes, we have strategized how we can move them around so that we can maximize their exposure.

DK –
There is some flexibility with that two week limit if the message is consistent with City values.

Josh –
I think we could ask the FCBRA if they would like to hang them in their local bike shops. I think they would be very interested.

Chris –
My fifth graders could hold the banners at the CSU intersections.

Kim –
We can be very creative with the use of these banners and we should use them as often as possible.

II. Bicycle Safety Education Plan

DK –
There are three levels of implementation for the BSEP.
Level 1 – project we are currently working on.
Level 2 – ‘Keep Fort Collins Great’ funds from 2B. These are non-lapsing funds, so they need to be spent - \$50,000 each year.
Level 3 - Primary action projects, 1-3 year timeline. They are also important, but won't be priorities until Level 2 projects are complete.

What I want to focus on today is Level 2 projects on page 30. These are organized by the age of the cyclist. That is how the whole plan is organized.

Youth –
A – We want to create a SRTS Coordinator position. Currently the City has a 5% SRTS Coordinator.
B – Bus program
C – Bicycle safety town – this is a ¼ acre mini city with roads and stop signs and lanes. It is a traffic skills playground for kids to learn the essentials of safe cycling. When we combine this infrastructure with the programmatic position, we have a place for kids to come on a field trip.

Kathryn –

Do you have any idea where this town would be located?

DK –

There are a number of criteria that we are using to determine where it will be located. There are 3 or 4 parks that we are considering right now. We expect this project to come in at or under the budget and would be a permanent structure.

Kathryn –

Do you have any plans to have an engineer come?

Glen –

I'm wondering if it would be a better idea to have a mobile bike town so that it can move around to different parking lots and areas.

DK-

We already have that – we have a bicycle rodeo kit that we use at schools, police services, events, etc.

Josh –

The safety town I have been to is locked into a certain area and it is well used. They have buildings that look like local storefronts.

Chris –

The maintenance funding could come from local shops who sponsor their building storefront. This can change every year or two.

Kathryn-

Is this self guided or is it programmatic?

DK –

There will be some facilitated usage, but there will also be some kind of brochure to help families self-guide.

Glen –

I have a question about the 11,000 students annually. Isn't that all of the students in the district? And don't you have to teach less on year two once you've already taught everyone once?

DK –

There are about 24,000-25,000 students in the district. And it has been proven that multiple "touches" are most effective for teaching.

Josh –

Will students without bikes have access to bike library bikes?

DK –

Yes, they do currently and we are looking to use funding to build up our children's fleet.

College –

Brenna Wozniak (Master student, member of BPEC and CBAC) has put together a Ram Cycle curriculum. We are also using funds for lights and helmets to encourage students to ride more safely. There is also a new bicycle safety superhero who is giving out stickers and candy on campus. Police Services is giving out coupons and the stories are already coming back to our office.

Families –

We want to educate and influence families to stay on or get on their bikes. We will help empower them to overcome the need for their car and will teach family specific skills and considerations.

Recreation –

Biggest complaint is people getting startled on the multi-use trail. We are working with parks to make a more personable campaign. We will install positive and variable message boards to help educate.

Commuters –

Ties directly to BPEC, presenters will be compensated for bicycle safety presentations.

Motorists –

Portion will go to BPEC for education for seniors, businesses and motorists.

Law enforcement –

Mike Trombley has scheduled two trainings: June 8 and 22. We will teach our officers about bicycle safety and make sure we are clear on local ordinances and practices. Also, our new Sherriff would like to redefine the relationship between enforcement and bicyclists.

Infrastructure improvements –

We have prioritized a list of intersections in town with deficiencies. For example, we want to make a connection west of Wood. We want to install bike lanes and connect routes for better connectivity. Wayfinding, minutes to destinations, naming routes, etc. This will be a fun place for the BAC to give input.

Josh –

I am interested in a "ride on right" sticker campaign. Would there be funding to create a white and red sticker that looks like a "wrong way" sign? We could print 100 stickers and paste them on the back of existing regulatory signs.

DK –

That idea has come up several times and I will talk to some people and bring an update to the next meeting.

Tim –

Does anyone feel like that message needs to be bilingual?

DK –

I wanted to share this with the BAC and inform you that this is guiding our work right now. Are there any other questions about the BSEP or its implementation?

III. E-Bikes Process Update

DK –

In September or October the BAC made a recommendation to City Council to support the use of e-bikes on trails.

Josh –

We can adopt a state statute, but this is a topic that needs further investigation.

Kathryn –

A lot of people on my board are opposed to it and have concerns about natural areas.

DK –

This is a controversial item. City staff are doing a presentation to all boards and commissions on the subject.

Kathryn –

We had a presentation in February by a person who manufactures and sells e-bikes. I don't know anything about them and would like to do a study of 3 communities to learn about the pros and cons of their usage in lanes and on paths. I can speculate that they're dangerous, but need concrete data.

DK –

The City's presentation will address these kinds of concerns.

Josh –

Someone from Parks and Recreation (perhaps Craig Foreman) probably did that presentation.

DK –

There needs to be a lot more education in the community. The hard part is our community is one of few that are addressing this now, so it's hard to find other examples and especially data.

Josh –

Both north and south Denver have adopted the state statute along with Loveland and Longmont. I bet we could get information from them.

Kathryn –

The person who presented to our board said a state like MN has a lot of them.

Glen –

Showed a printed article about e-scooters.

Josh –

Those scooters don't meet the "less than 100 pound" weight limit and pedals wouldn't move them forward. They are much more scooter-like vs. a traditional motorized bike.

Sylvia –

I was on Transportation Board several years ago and this was an issue then. I don't know why we keep revisiting this.

Kathryn –

The Land Conservation board is also concerned with what people will do with the used batteries. We don't want them dumped in the woods somewhere.

DK –

E-bikes of any sort are allowed in bike lanes, but not on trails (except ADA just ruled that e-bikes can be used on all trails across the nation by people with disabilities).

Tim –

Perhaps it's coming up again because we now have a shop that specializes in them. Is the throwing away of batteries an issue? Josh can you address that?

Josh –

Batteries are 100% recyclable. Unfortunately, there is not a program to give money back for battery cores, but that would be wonderful.

Tim –

Do Boulder or Colorado Springs allow e-bikes?

Josh –

Aspen, Boulder and Colorado Springs are struggling with this issue, too. They can't even put e-bikes on bus bike racks. NYC has the most e-bikes.

Karen –

We have a cross-disciplinary group working to bring a study and recommendation to City Council on June 28. Perhaps we should do the presentation here at the next meeting.

Sylvia –

I think we should get City Council people on these bikes to try them out if they're going to make a decision about this.

Josh –

I already tried to organize that. I held a demo day at City Park. Representatives from several boards and city staff came by. It was a good hands on experience so they could feel safe and comfortable on these bikes.

DK –

Should we table this conversation until June?

Glen –

I think we should schedule another demo day.

IV. Staff Reports

DK –

Reminder: June 18 is the Northern Colorado Bicycle Expo. It is a free event to share best practices between the NoCo communities. More importantly, on June 10, we are hosting Mia Burke and we would like to invite BAC members to join us. It will be on a Friday morning from 9-12 at the Rocky Mountain Innosphere.

Molly North –

Bike to Work Day is June 22

Downtown Bike Show is June 23, 6-8 at Bean Cycle

Bike 'n Jazz is June 24, 6-8 at the Gardens on Spring Creek

Dan Gould –

What is the status of the improvements on N College?

Karen –

The project is supposed to start this year. They have been acquiring right of way, but there is a 2.7 million dollar shortfall in the funding from URA. The May 17 agenda will designate the appropriation of tax dollars which the URA will repay. If the funding doesn't come through the project will continue, but not as far.

DK –

Shared lane markings are now posted on Mountain. There will be more after the College overlay is complete.

Dan –

It is more favorable to ride on the West side of North College. Perhaps some of those wrong-way riders are choosing the safest route.

V. New Business

Glen –
I'd like an update on the city trails.

Josh –
We can do that at the next meeting. We will also take a look at the Bike Library and Jefferson St Project Update.

VI. Other Business

Sylvia –
I have some posters for the GSSE ride. Please help spread the word.

Molly –
The 6 Day Races at the Oval start on May 15, every Sunday through June 19.

Chris –
I am organizing a bike event with students on May 19 and 20 if anyone can help.

Kathryn –
Lots of people visit me and have used the bikes from the library. It is used by all of my friends and I hope it can keep going.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.