

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES of the
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 14, 2011
6:00 PM**

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

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Rick Price	970-310-5238
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BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition: Kim Sharpe

Bike Fort Collins: Sylvia Cranmer

Colorado State University: Joy Childress

Fort Collins Bicycle Co-Op: Tim Anderson

Natural Resources Advisory Board: Glen Colton

Parks and Recreation Board: Bruce Henderson

Poudre School District: MacKenzie Mushel

Transportation Board: Shane Miller

ABSENT

At Large: TBD

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At Large: Dan Gould

Air Quality Board: Michael Lynn

Downtown Development Authority: Kathy Cardona

Economic Advisory Commission: Rick Price

Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance: Josh Kerson

Land Conservation & Stewardship Board: Kathryn Grimes

Senior Advisory Board: TBD

UniverCity Connections: TBD

City of Fort Collins:

David Kemp, Bicycle Coordinator

Kathleen Bracke, Director of Transportation Planning

Molly North, Assistant Bicycle Coordinator

Joe Olson, City Traffic Engineer

Craig Foreman, Director of Park Planning and Development

Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM.

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes:

Unable to approve without a quorum.

Action Items:

I. Traffic Safety Presentation

Joe Olsen –

We collect traffic data from police reports and analyze it in a number of ways to use the information for engineering solutions. For example, we identify common errors among drivers so we can put together an informational campaign.

This presentation is being given to as many people as possible.

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Shane Miller –

If it is variability in speed that causes accidents, why do speed zones on some streets in town vary so much?

Joe Olsen –

Sometimes it is politically motivated. I would like to see more constant speeds.

Shane Miller –

Would you like to see the speeds higher or lower? I have read a study that says that lower speeds are better for cyclists.

Joe Olsen –

It depends on the street. There are so many other effects in play. No one can dispute the physics that lower speeds cause less damage to a pedestrian or biker. But determining the optimal speed for a street is not that clear cut. The study that everyone quotes about chance of mortality has taken on a life of its own.

Shane Miller –

Mortality and injury rates are lower when cyclists are riding against traffic compared to national rates for riding with traffic.

Joe Olsen –

There hasn't been a good national study to support that either way.

Shane Miller –

Cyclists think that because cars have their lights on, they will be illuminated. I would like to see a vigorous education effort to teach people about the effect of shadow, light, night, etc.

Tim Anderson –

As a courtesy to others, would you let us get on with the agenda?

Kim Sharpe –

Perhaps Joe can share his contact information and we can email him with more questions and comments.

Joe Olsen –

I have a lot of research and resources that I can share with the group. Don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

II. E-bikes item

Kathleen Bracke –

We have a copy of the latest letter we sent to City Council. We want everyone to be informed. It won't be an official action item tonight, but we can discuss it. Craig, can you discuss the one-year trial period?

Craig Foreman –

The one-year trial period simply means that it will become an action item for Council to discuss again after one year when they will make a decision about E-bike use again. We changed the code to allow a one-year test period; it will allow e-bikes, but no motorized vehicles. We will be collecting data during that one year and we will provide resources for the residents to give us feedback. We will have a hotline to report conflicts and rangers will observe trail use. We will also survey the community about trail users and any safety concerns. Maybe we will hire people to ride e-bikes around and report back about their experience. We have not found another community that has collected this much data, so we are creating the system.

Kathleen Bracke –

What is the role of the BAC?

Craig Foreman -

If we get to do this, we will come back at the beginning of the one-year trial period and again in the middle to ask for guidance. We need to get people used to using the reporting system.

Sylvia Cranmer –

Are the requisites still the same as far as horsepower and speed?

Craig Foreman –

Yes. We added a few more words; for example, there is a weight limit of 75 pounds and electric scooters are not allowed. We wanted to make sure we were just allowing e-bikes, not e-scooters, e-skateboards, etc.

McKenzie Mushel –

Is there any benefit to self-reporting?

Craig Foreman -

I always thought there would be a benefit to hearing from the stakeholder.

Glen –

I think it is unfortunate that we haven't given any recommendations for a year.

III. Safe Routes to School – 2012-13 Application Update

Kathleen Bracke –

This came up at the last months meeting. We wanted to share some highlights of the application.

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Bruce Henderson –

When you get money do you have to spend it on a certain project?

Kathleen Bracke –

Yes, the funds would be intended for certain projects. They allow two years which is great for the whole process. Also if you know about other potential projects in your neighborhood, please let us know because we maintain an updated "Wish List."

IV. Bike Parking – Land Use Code Update

Kathleen Bracke –

We are working as a staff team to develop a plan to update the Land Use Code. Previously, new development projects needed to provide a percentage of car parking in bike parking. We don't have enough bike parking, so we are exploring solutions about how to decouple bike parking from auto parking. We are looking at models in the rest of the country for more meaningful bike parking codes. For example, we could base it on square footage or trips generated. We are trying to update the Land Use Code so new development will have a more clearly defined expectation about how to accommodate bike traffic. We are looking for input and we will continue to research other models. We will come back to you for a recommendation to take to City Council this spring. Many new developers already want to provide bike parking, but we want to make it an official requirement.

Kathleen Bracke –

Even if we don't adjust the Code, the bikes will still be there. They will just be locked to other things, including trees. We are looking for a proactive solution.

Staff Reports

Kathleen Bracke –

The Mason Corridor Project is hosting an open house on Thursday, focused on converting to two-way traffic in downtown. We are also researching the impact of the train noise.

Dave "DK" Kemp –

Bike Winter is just around the corner. We have several events planned. December 2 is Light up the Night, December 6 is the FC Bikes Lunch Talk, December 11 is a Winter Cycling Clinic, and December 14 is Winter Bike to Work Day. Also, Molly and Nancy will be teaching a Traffic Skills 101 course on November 19. They have 19 people signed up.

Board Reports

Kim Sharpe –

BPEC is working on a Bike Ambassador Program. We can give you an update at the next BAC meeting. Also, CICRC is working on a county-wide SRTS program to reach Thompson and Poudre School District schools which are not included in the City's scope of work.

Kathleen Bracke –

We have made an offer for the SRTS coordinator position.

The new Transportation Planner is Amy Lewin and she will start on November 28.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.