

**MEETING MINUTES OF
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 18, 2013
6:00 pm
Conference Room A & B
215 N. Mason St
Fort Collins, CO 80521**

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Sylvia Cranmer

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Staff Liaison: Tessa Gregor

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BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Parks and Recreation Board: Ragan Adams

Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op: Tim Anderson

Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition: Kim Sharpe

Bike Fort Collins: Sylvia Cranmer

Downtown Development Authority: Todd Dangerfield

Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance: Libby Harrow

Natural Resources Advisory Board: Joe Halseth

Transportation Board: Garry Steen

Colorado State University: Joy Childress

Land Conservation & Stewardship Board: Kathryn Grimes

AT LARGE PRESENT

Dan Gould

Dee Colombini

Michael Hinterberg

ABSENT

Air Quality Board: Michael Lynn

Poudre School District: MacKenzie Mushel

CITY OF FORT COLLINS PRESENT

Tessa Gregor, FC Bikes Program Manager

Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT

Christina Mascarenaz, Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm with a quorum present by Chair Sylvia Cranmer.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October minutes were approved on a motion by Joy Childress and seconded by Kathryn Grimes.

Sylvia, with all in favor.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

None.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CSU Alternative Transportation Program

In 2013, CSU implemented a planning effort in which interviews were conducted throughout campus to collect information on a variety of topics directly relating to the daily occurrences, challenges, conflicts and issues on CSU campus. CSU campus is looking to grow between 4,000-8,000 students in the future with the goal to increase revenue. There is a fear that the University will become a private institution if revenue is not increased.

One focus of the Alternative Transportation Program is to preserve the core of campus located between Lory Student Center to south of Lake Street. This location is pedestrian friendly with vehicle, bike and skateboard prohibited. The effort to preserve the core of

campus has created some issues surrounding the other modes of transportation that faculty and the student body utilize on campus, specifically vehicle transportation and vehicle parking. As campus looks to expand, the Alternative Transportation Program must discuss whether to cater to the commuter or everyone else as it pertains to preserving the core of campus.

As program manager, Aaron's focus consists of establishing CSU's bike culture with the goal of having strong enforcement of riders by providing exposure and education to CSU's population. The program hopes to align with the City of Fort Collins Bike Plan and Bike Share Committee as well as explore the possibility of user groups and the benefits to faculty and international students. Implementing user groups would provide a variety of services such as travel training to know community and what it means to live in our community, provide re-purposed bikes and basic bike education. The program plans to look at sister universities to explore their plan implementation.

Kathryn Grimes, representing the Land Conservation & Stewardship Board asked how the selection of interviews was conducted. Aaron Fodge explained that interviews were conducted by scheduling meetings with department heads, faculty and off-campus individuals. Aaron mentioned that parking rates will increase in the future, so many will explore ways to get to campus. 90% of faculty and 40% of students utilize parking spots. Kathryn Grimes added that international Club provides international students with bike education.

Committee discussed the hit-and-run crash on Shields and the current status of the bicyclist which was unknown at time of meeting.

Todd Dangerfield, representing the Downtown Development Authority mentioned that he has observed alternative transportation in use at Meridian and University. Todd asked about the trend of online education and its affects on transportation to campus. Aaron Fodge did not have an answer but stated that online education has become popular with students.

The subject of the Summit Housing Project and parking issues was addressed with the hopes that alternatives be established through collaboration to solve the shortage of parking.

Open Streets Initiative

Open Streets Initiative presented by Becky Moriarty and Tessa Greegor of FC Bikes. Open Street Events are human powered events that promote a healthy and active lifestyle for the community by temporarily closing streets to vehicle traffic so that people may use them for walking, jogging and bicycling. Public health awareness and providing an active lifestyle for the community are just a few benefits of these events. From an economic standpoint, Open Street Events provide exposure for local and non-profit businesses. These events help bring the community together through positive

experiences. FC Bikes have initial plans in place to hold two Open Streets Events in 2014 and three in 2015. FC Bikes has reached out to businesses and groups to establish potential partners. There has been no set date or location for the events, , however there have been some suggestions for a few locations.

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair mentioned that it seemed that the events could be very haphazard and chaotic. Questions surrounding organization were also presented. Tessa Greeger explained that each Open Street event varies city to city and the organization depends on the community.

Todd Dangerfield, representing the Downtown Development Authority mentioned road closures for local businesses from July- September (Festival Fatigue) as being economically stressful and urged FC Bikes to consider a location for the event that will provide shock value.

Lincoln Corridor Plan

Plan update and overview presented by Amy Lewin and Pete Wray.

July '12: Developing vision by studying case studies, initial background, goals and existing issues.

August '12-Sept '12: Design

November '12: Focus on new street plans and existing street plans for Jefferson/Riverside to Lemay.

Amy Lewin explained that three designs were explored that would best serve the community through public outreach, input, and objective assessment. Design includes enhanced bike lanes and sidewalks with access to Poudre Trail. Intersection improvements on Jefferson/Riverside and Lemay, two travel lanes, turn lanes, 3ft buffer with 5ft bike lanes and parking. Since most activity is on north side, a 10ft lane of asphalt will be built with an 8ft asphalt lane being used for the south side. Stamped concrete will be used for bumper.

West side of the corridor (Jefferson) will feature enhanced signs for bikes and colored pavement to show cyclist where to go and alert motorists.

Bridge on Lincoln Ave. will feature an enhanced overlook with places for pedestrians to sit- goal is to use river as attribute. Middle of corridor will feature more parking for residents and create a buffer for bikes, pedestrians and residents. East side of corridor will feature pull-out bus stops with enhance transportation every 15 minutes, crossing treatments with signage and special markings. Goal is to create treatments due to increased traffic by enhancing visibility to promote awareness. Improvements will be made with help and collaboration from Woodward. Overall roadway framework will collaborate with urban design with continued focus on Lincoln Corridor and advancing

previous work. Develop strategies and actions of implementation which will go to Council.

Amy Lewin clarified that “great streets” is a term used to view the overall design implementation and functionality of road construction. Pete Wray mentioned that speed limit on Lincoln Ave. would be reduced to make it safer for bikes and pedestrians.

Mulberry Bridge will be combined with Poudre Trail and Lemay with construction being delayed due to flood.

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF REPORTS

Tessa Greeger, FC Bikes Program Manager did a quick overview of Bike Winter.

Bike Winter

Bike Lunch Talk

Wednesday, December 4th from 12:30-1:30PM
281 N. College Ave in Conference room A

Winter Cycling 101

Wednesday, December 4th from 4-6PM
O’Dell Brewing Company

Light Up the Night

Friday, December 6th from 6-8PM
Old Town Square Bike Library Kiosk
*3 locations giving out lights and/or replacements

Winter Bike to Work Day

Wednesday, December 11th
Breakfast Stations from 7-9:30AM
*Encourage to pre-register to track data that is applied to grants

Bike Fort Collins Afternoon Soiree

Wednesday, December 11th from 4:30-6:30PM
Old Town Square Bike Library Kiosk

FCgov.com/bikewinter

Bike Plan Update

Tessa Greeger, FC Bikes Program Manager, presented to the BAC on the Bike Plan Update. The City has selected a consultant team and will provide committee with more information and the next steps that are part of process, vision and direction.

Ms. Greegor stated that the online survey is open until December 14th.

Ms. Greegor mentioned to the BAC that the City of Fort Collins will be applying for Green Lane 2.0 in which 6 cities are selected to be green lanes cities that promote better bike lanes. Application is due January 14th and the BAC is asked to write a letter of recommendation.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Kathryn Grime, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board, stated that the board would be having their 4th meeting and roll out their new interactive website:
http://larimer.org/ourlands_ourfuture/

Sylvia Cranmer, Chair, Bike Fort Collins, stated that Committee member attendance has been lacking and BAC should think about establishing requirements for membership attendance to better benefit the community. Sylvia Cranmer also stated that December would be her last meeting as chair.

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority, mentioned the negative impact and overall community response surrounding the closure of the Poudre Trail. City is looking at safer alternatives while trail is closed, however with cost of repairs (\$50,000) Council decided to use money to speed up construction. Moving forward, there would need to be more input and better alternatives for future closures with more responsibility on developer to provide safer routes.

Joe Halseth, member, stated that he was instructed to revamp West Nile Virus Plan with better plan to emphasize more education.

Michael Hinterberg, member at-large brought up questions and concerns about power trail and its importance within the 2013 Bike Plan. Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manger stated that power trail plan was included in the 2013 Bike Plan which highlights priorities to bring trail systems and commuter transportation to light.

Joy Childress, Colorado State University, mentioned Laurel Village is a new resident area with an indoor bike room.

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op, stated that they will be starting a women's night every Thursday starting in the near future. Look at fcbikecoop.org for more information.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Standing meeting time change to 4th Monday of every month in Community Room.

BAC Chair Nominations will be taken at the December meeting.

ADJOURN

Kathryn Grimes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, and Joy Childress seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.