

**MEETING MINUTES OF
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

**March 10, 2014
6:00 pm
Conference Rooms A & B
281 N. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80522**

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Sylvia Cranmer	970-493-5277
Staff Liaison: Tessa Greegor	970-416-2471

BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board (joined meeting at 6:52 p.m.)
Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition
Garry Steen, Transportation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini

ABSENT

Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Dan Gould, Member at Large
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board*
Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance
*did not receive meeting details

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Greegor, Bicycle Program Manager
Aaron Iverson, Senior Transportation Planner
Amy Lewin, Transportation Planner
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT

Cathy Busch-Kinkaid
Bob Flynn
Michele Scalva, Recorder
Andrew Victora, Tadpole Pedicabs (joined meeting at 6:48 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Garry Steen who volunteered to facilitate due to Chair Sylvia Cranmer's absence. There were seven BAC members and three City staff present.

AGENDA REVIEW

Delayed discussion of BAC calendar due to Sylvia Cranmer's absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Garry Steen asked if there were changes to the January 27th meeting minutes. Garry Steen stated a change on page 2; *Traffic Board* should be *Traffic Operations*; noted by Tessa Greigor.

Garry Steen asked Tessa Greigor about the BAC touring Traffic Operations. There was interest in doing this and it will be coordinated for April.

A quorum was not present to approve the January 27th meeting minutes, so it was postponed till the next meeting.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

No report.

ACTION ITEMS

No report.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

College Avenue Midtown Transportation Study – Aaron Iverson

Web link to the information: fcgov.com/midtowninmotion

The Midtown study, between Prospect and Harmony Roads, was to review how bikes can be incorporated in this City section.

Project Goals: 1) Safe travel; 2) Connections to MAX; 3) Designed for all ages and abilities (multimodal); and 4) Create a high quality and attractive street/environment.

Information and research for the project was collected from: user surveys, City staff walking the corridor section, establishing a technical committee to guide the project, conducting an open house and public events, and engaging other coordinating agencies such as Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The collected information was summarized and shared. See link for details.

Next Steps: 1) Prepare design alternatives and evaluate them; 2) Select an alternative; 3) Demonstrate part of that alternative; and 4) Prepare an implementation schedule.

Joy Childress asked if CDOT would allow bikes on College Avenue. Aaron Iverson said this would be asked at the next joint meeting. CDOT is responsible for/has rights to College Avenue and the east side frontage road.

Discussion followed about bike access between Old Town area and south of Prospect Road not being streamlined and also the lack of bike access to Midtown businesses.

BAC members provided input about riding on College Avenue if it were made bike friendly.

2014 Bicycle Master Plan – Tessa Greegor

Plan information is available at: www.fcgov.com/bikeplan

Tessa stated there are initial ideas in the Master Plan that the City would like to receive BAC members' feedback on.

A chart was shown highlighting the project implementation steps and progress.

Public Outreach work continues with the next open house on Wednesday, March 12th at the Lincoln Center, 4-7 p. m. There is also a Wiki Map to share ideas; it can be found at www.fcgov.com/bikeplan

The draft Vision was presented and feedback requested from BAC. Tim Anderson suggested that a reference to financial accessibility be included in the statement.

The draft Goals were presented in a handout. They are: Safety, Connectivity, Community, Ridership, Comfort, Health, and Equity. Group members were asked to select their top three. There was discussion of the goals and prioritizing.

Ed Ossello talked about increasing rider safety and also targeting groups with low ridership. Tessa Greegor stated some plans are in place to target groups with low ridership.

Dee Colombini made a motion to table the helmet discussion to a future meeting.

Andrew Victora joined the meeting at 6:48 p. m. and Ragan Adams joined at 6:52 p.m. during the safety discussion.

Next was a presentation of Level of Stress Analysis conducted: 1) It targeted the interested, but concerned riders; 2) Focused on Safety; and 3) Emphasized creating a lower stress facility for bike riding.

The Bicycle Facility Stress evaluations were done by two different models:

- 1) US Approach – Bicycle level of service (BLOS) and
- 2) Dutch Based Level of Traffic Stress

Both are intended to measure bicyclist comfort. The two different models were applied to evaluate Fort Collins bike routes. In an example of applying the two models to east Harmony Road, the two evaluation systems gave opposing measurements of the cycling route illustrating the rating systems' differences. In using the US model, Harmony Road received the top rating. In applying the Dutch model, it received the worst rating. The models were

compared in other areas of the city showing how each model placed different emphasis on speed limits, traffic volume, bike lane width and on-street parking.

BAC members' suggestions and feedback on the Master Plan were encouraged as well as attendance to the upcoming open house event.

Andrew Victora, Tadpole Pedicab, gave a brief description of their services and future plans and asked for feedback from BAC members. Ragan Adams suggested he create a visual presentation and return to a future meeting when the committee would be in a better position to provide feedback.

Bike Sharing Business Plan – Amy Lewin

Web link to presentation: www.fcgov.com/bikeshare and www.fcgov.com/bikeplan

Three main update areas: 1) Demand and Feasibility; 2) Cost Analysis; and 3) Implementation plan.

The study looked at six comparable cities that have bike share programs: Denver, Boulder, Aspen, Madison (WI), Chattanooga (TN) and Lansing (MI). Amy Lewin shared criteria that were reviewed for each city. See links for details.

Proposed benefits of bike sharing are: an increase in convenience, complementary to current transit options, inexpensive, reduction in travel costs, supports a healthy lifestyle, and environmental benefits.

Map presented that highlighted areas for planned bike stations that are dispersed from Prospect Road to Lincoln Avenue. Intent is to expand with stations south of Prospect Road. Members shared suggestions for station locations such as the south transit center. Also, there was discussion about the implications of bike stations located at breweries in the proposed Lincoln Corridor area.

Overview of the Bike Share business model. The City has interest in owning the system and contracting with an operator.

Overview of the funding sources: public; private; customer fees; and advertising and sponsorship/partnerships.

Joy Childress inquired about theft concerns. Amy Lewin reported there is a low theft record with these bikes, maybe in part due to their design.

A draft plan will be completed in April.

2014 BAC Planning Calendar – Sylvia Cranmer

Postponed to the next meeting.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Tessa Gregor apologized for not including Kathryn Grimes on the meeting email and said Kathryn had not been informed of meeting details in order to attend.

The Bike Program received a Kaiser-Permanente grant. It did not receive the Green Lane Project funding and there are tentative plans to re-apply in two years, if the opportunity exists.

Tessa Greegor handed out new bicycle register cards being that are being distributed to encourage bicycle registry.

Tessa Greegor provided the 2011 Bicycle Advisory Committee Work Plan and asked for members to review it and provide their thoughts at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be the fourth Monday in March (regular schedule).

Paul Sizemore summarized how there have been a number of transportation plans presented in the recent months and another plan being developed in the west/southwest area of town that may eventually evolve into a Prospect Corridor plan.

Bike Plan Open House, Wednesday, March 12th, 4-7 p. m.

Board Member Reports/Comments

Regan Adams stated a new representative may be selected from the Parks and Recreation Board and she may not be at future meetings.

Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board, stated they have a work group that is revamping the response system associated with West Nile Virus and they plan to complete and distribute it this year.

Joy Childress, CSU, announced the following:

An underpass is planned at Aggie Village, Prospect Road.

CSU is conducting a Traffic Skills 101 course soon.

A positive reinforcement campaign for desirable bicycle behaviors is currently underway, giving chick-fil-a gift cards away.

Garry Steen announced that representatives from six different City Boards are meeting to discuss greenhouse gases. Paul Sizemore added that individuals from Environmental Services are also involved in efforts to address greenhouse gases.

Next meeting is Monday, March 24th, 6-8pm, 215 N. Mason

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2014 BAC Planning Calendar – Sylvia Cranmer

Helmet Discussion – how to promote use of helmets

ADJOURN

Ragan Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p. m., Joe Halseth seconded the motion and it passed.

HANDOUTS

DRAFT February Meeting Minutes

Bicycle Plan DRAFT Goals

Bicycle Advisory Committee Work Plan 2011

Bike Plan Open House