

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

**March 24, 2014
6:00 pm
Community Room
215 N. Mason St., North Entrance
Fort Collins, CO 80522**

FOR REFERENCE:

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

BOARD/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition
Garry Steen, Transportation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini
Dan Gould

ABSENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Greegor, Bicycle Program Manager
Becky Moriarty, FC Bikes Program Specialist
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT

Cathy Busch-Kinkaid
Charlie Kohlhardt
Kevin Kruglet, Tadpole Pedicabs
Carol Reed
Michele Scalva, Recorder
Andrew Victora, Tadpole Pedicabs

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Sylvia Cranmer. There were nine BAC members and three City staff present.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Kohlhardt, a resident of north Fort Collins and avid cyclist, suggested a future bike path location to cross the irrigation ditch north of the new King Soopers. He provided a map as a visual for where he suggests the path. He explained there are limited places to cross the ditch and College Avenue is not a safe option, especially for young people and families. Mr. Kohlhardt stated that his suggested path would make for a safe and direct route to downtown.

BAC members discussed the issue to clarify understanding and shared options for biking. Paul Sizemore also added that over the next two to five years North College will be re-developed and improved, and new biking options will result

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sylvia Cranmer asked if there were changes to the January 27th meeting minutes. Garry Steen reiterated the change of “Traffic Board” to “Traffic Operations”. With inclusion of the changes, Ed Ossello motioned for approval, Garry Steen seconded and it passed.

Sylvia Cranmer asked if there were changes to the March 10th meeting minutes. Dee Colombini requested adding “helmet use” to the safety discussion that had been tabled at the March 10th meeting. With inclusion of the changes, Dee Colombini motioned for approval, Joy Childress seconded the motion and it passed. Sylvia Cranmer, Dan Gould, Todd Dangerfield and Kathryn Grimes abstained due to their absences at the March 10th meeting.

Sylvia Cranmer asked for clarification of the safety and helmet use discussion that had been tabled. Ed Ossello stated a need to increase helmet use. Sylvia Cranmer asked members to think about what the BAC could do to encourage helmet use and/or how BAC could partner with others such as retailers to support this. She suggested getting input from Libby Harrow, a BAC member with Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance.

Tim Anderson referenced a study conducted in the Netherlands, which he stated was reliable and valid, and the results showed that helmets did not improve safety. Tim asked members to be aware of that information. General discussion followed about wearing helmets and how it relates to engaging in risky behavior. Paul Sizemore added that the infrastructure in the Netherlands is different than in Colorado.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

No report.

ACTION ITEMS

No report.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

College Pedi Cab Tours – Andrew Victora and Kevin Kruglet, Tadpole Pedicab founders and CSU students

Tadpole Pedicabs made a presentation about their business and requested feedback on pedicabs sharing the road and paths with cars and other bikes. They clarified their business is a tourism service (and not a night time cab service). They plan to market their services to prospective and current CSU students and their families, for their *Town Tour*, which explores/tours the city. Also, they will offer a weekend *Brew Tour*.

Their pedicab design is approximately 4 feet wide and 2-2.5 feet long and fits three people. It has lights and a small motor powered with a battery that is charged by peddling the pedicab. The motor will not be engaged when using the bike path.

They showed their proposed travel route through town. BAC members commented on the route and potential safety issues. Kathryn Grimes suggested trial runs before officially starting. Sylvia Cranmer suggested connecting with the City Parks Department for input.

The planned start is May 2014. They are projecting six *Town Tours* a day with CSU students and two-three *Brew Tours* on weekends. They will share information about Fort Collins with their customers as they travel the route.

They are working with The Venture Accelerator at CSU for business support. They spoke briefly about their insurance coverage that will be provided by a San Diego-based company.

BAC members provided feedback and suggestions for other potential partnerships and groups to present their business plan to.

Prices: *Town Tours*, \$20/person for 1 hour that is six to seven miles long. This will be a basic route that is customized as much as possible such as traveling past a Greek house or a brewery, based on customers' interests. The *Brew Tours* will be \$75/person for three hours and drinks would be included in the price. This tour is still being worked out.

2014 Education and Encouragement Programs – Becky Moriarty

An update on these efforts was provided.

The current Education options include:

- Monthly Bike Lunch Talks - the first Wednesday of every month, 12:30-1:30 at 281 N. College Ave
- Traffic Skills 101 - 8 hour course, offered every other month that teaches road safety
- Lead Cycling Instructor (LCI) seminar - certifies people to teach Traffic Skills 101, 14 individuals received scholarships (through FC Bikes, SRTS and CSU) to attend the next seminar
- Bicycle Ambassador Program – volunteers that promote safe cycling, visit www.bicycleambassadorprogram.org for more information

Planned Encouragement Programs:

Women on a Roll!: Encourage, Engage and Elevate more women bicyclists campaign. The 2013 Women's Bike report from the League of American Bicyclists showed that 76% of cyclists are men and 24% are women. Program is to encourage women to ride bikes.

The campaign includes: an Expo on Sunday, May 4th; Ride series, with four different themed rides; and Learn 2 Ride classes, CycloFemme.

Also, the Family-Friendly Ride Series, hosted by community organizations, begins May 1st.

City staff shared that advertising and campaign promotion is being done.

Open Streets events: These are planned events that close city streets to have rides. The events are planned for Sundays to lessen the traffic impact. The routes will change for each event and anticipated participants are 3000-5000. City staff is working with a marketing firm to promote the events and will be hosting open houses to inform and engage the public.

Tessa Greegor also shared another event called *CycloFemme* that is a movement to engage women in cycling and started by a Boulder resident. The City is hoping to host a ride this year on Mother's Day, May 11th. She asked for volunteers to assist in planning and encouraged participation.

Tim Anderson reminded BAC that FC Bike Co-op has a Women's Wrenching class on Thursday nights; visit www.FCBikecoop.org for details.

The City and CSU bike registration processes were discussed; differences and similarities shared among BAC members.

2014 BAC Planning Calendar – Sylvia Cranmer

BAC members were asked for feedback on how they would like BAC to be structured and function in the future, with the option to not change anything. Currently BAC is an advisory group to the Transportation Board and not an official City board.

The recent City Boards and Commissions Event was attended by some BAC members and it was briefly discussed.

Dan Gould stated the BAC has representation from a variety of other city boards, community organizations and citizens, which is unique and positive. Also, BAC actively engages with inspired transportation professionals (City staff) and the collaboration is productive. He supports continuing in the same format.

Sylvia Cranmer suggested adding an advocacy emphasis to BAC because it (BAC) has been effective in that role in the past.

Garry Steen stated he hopes the FC Bikes plan will highlight community transportation needs, and help inform the BAC's role.

Discussion continued about the BAC structure and roles.

Becoming a formal board would include: being assigned a City Council Liaison; new members would be interviewed in order to join; and Roberts Rules of Order would be implemented to conduct meetings.

Sylvia Cranmer suggested the City web content about BAC be updated.

Tessa Greegor asked if there are additional areas the BAC is excited about and would like to be more involved with.

Sylvia Cranmer suggested clarifying all the opportunities for public participation in the current work plan. Her second suggestion was to have the BAC be present at more community events to represent BAC.

A suggestion was to have formal/official nametags members would wear when they attend the events representing BAC. A second suggestion was to have one to two months advanced notice on BAC-related events that members could plan into their individual private calendars, and hopefully, increase representation at these events.

Todd Dangerfield suggested being on the email list for City boards and commissions, even though the BAC function is less formal.

Paul Sizemore stated a lot of information was collected at the City Boards and Commissions Event and no reports compiling the information have been shared yet.

Members discussed the BAC priorities and focus areas in the Bike plan. Members discussed how BAC can provide input on the Bike Plan and City planning projects, and the potential future opportunities/areas the group may address.

Sylvia Cranmer suggested: establishing a calendar (of events applicable to BAC) so members could attend; clarifying action items; and identifying other initiatives that BAC could potentially address.

Sylvia Cranmer asked BAC members to make a list of additional steps or areas (not already in the Work Plan) that the BAC could assume as part of their future role. She also suggested collecting and reviewing work plans from other boards to see how they organize and structure themselves.

Tessa Greegor reported that BAC is tentatively scheduled to tour Traffic Operations for the April meeting and the 2014 BAC Work Plan discussion could continue after.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

No reports.

Board Member Reports/Comments

Todd Dangerfield requested the current status of the Remington Bikeway. Tessa Greegor reported that they are still taking public comment and continuing to determine phasing and cost estimates.

Ed Ossello announced the Northern Colorado Leadership Ride will be May 9th, 12 p. m. and area mayors have been invited to participate in.

Dee Colombini shared that Colorado is considering Safe Routes to School legislation and will send an information link to BAC members.

Tim Anderson stated the Bike Co-op has an upcoming bike sale in approximately three weeks; details posted on the web site.

Next meeting is Monday, April 28th, 6-8pm, Traffic Operations, City of Fort Collins.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March 10th meeting tabled safety discussion; increase of helmet use.

Continue work on the Planning Calendar.

ADJOURN

Gary Steen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p. m., Todd Dangerfield seconded the motion and it passed.

HANDOUTS

DRAFT January 27, 2014, Meeting Minutes

DRAFT March 10, 2014, Meeting Minutes