

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

**May 19, 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

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance
Bruce Henderson, Parks and Recreation Board
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini
Dan Gould

ABSENT

Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Garry Steen, Transportation Board

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves

CITIZENS PRESENT

Michele Scalva, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Kathryn Grimes, substituting as BAC chair for the meeting. There were 7 BAC members and 2 City staff present. Tim Anderson arrived at 6:15 p.m. Libby Harrow arrived at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathryn Grimes asked if there were changes to the April 28th meeting minutes. Todd Dangerfield stated a change on page 3, “DBA” should read “DDA” for Downtown Development Authority. Tessa Greeger noted the change and will update the minutes. With inclusion of the change, Dan Gould moved to approve the minutes and Dee Colombini seconded; the minutes were approved by all.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

At the April meeting, citizen, Eric Sutherland presented a safety concern on Overland Trail. Specifically, he stated a need to add a right-hand turn lane on Overland Trail to turn west onto Elizabeth Street. Tessa Greeger spoke with City traffic engineers regarding this issue and shared with the BAC that a right-hand turn lane at this location was not warranted.

Bruce Henderson announced that he and Ragan Adams will both be representing the Parks and Recreation Board at BAC meetings. They will be trade-off for meeting attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

Kathryn Grimes asked if there were any additional action items. None were added.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VeloPark – Bruce Henderson and Tim Anderson

The presentation began with a brief video introducing the concept of a Fort Collins Municipal VeloPark. This is being coordinated by the Fort Collins VeloPark Association (referenced as FCVPA), www.FCVELO.org

The Q & A included the following:

CSU could be a sponsor and/or partner in the VeloPark. It is assumed they could benefit from its existence for events and as a format for students to learn about cycling.

Area tourism is expected to benefit from having a velopark.

A slide of the Sample VeloPark Concept Plan was shown. Estimated costs (approximately \$2,220,000.00, not including land costs or Velodrome) and park building phasing were presented.

There is possibly a need for 60+ acres of land for the park. All options are being considered: private land deals, public land use agreements and hybrid options of private/public partnership. Some research has been done to locate available land parcels, as well as discussion about re-purposing existing parks or structures. FCVPA has also looked at land in the “Brewing District”.

CSU and Poudre School District have a lot of land that may be utilized in a partnership. Dan Gould asked about contacting City and school district staff members who are knowledgeable of available land and its usage options.

Fort Collins VeloPark Association is a non-profit 501C3 and its current intentions are to get the velopark established. The City of Fort Collins would be the owner and operator long-term.

Park lighting would be dawn to dusk.

User fees are planned. VeloPark users would have the benefit of riding, practicing and learning without cars.

Next steps include building public support and securing funding through public tax dollars, grants and private donations and funding sources. Possible nationwide sponsors are Bell Helmet Company, BMX and Red Bull.

Tessa Greeger will forward a VeloPark Word document and the presentation slides to BAC members. Bruce will also prepare an “electronic packet” with some of the presentation information and email it to BAC members.

Slides of existing VeloParks were reviewed including Draper Cycle Park in Salt Lake City, Valmont Park in Boulder, Rodale Park in Pennsylvania and a Colorado Springs VeloPark.

The Fort Collins VeloPark Association welcomes feedback and suggestions and additional people to work with them.

FC Moves Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) Offers – Paul Sizemore and Tessa Greeger

A handout was provided showing the current FC Moves Department budget requests. Paul shared that citizens can go to www.fcgov.com, key in “BFO”, which will link to a page where the user can rank the BFOs.

The Q & A included the following:

Many FC Moves offers are higher in 2015 than 2016 due to initial start-up costs.

The Protected Bike Lane Demo Project is to build an infrastructure in a demo area where the bike lane would be physically protected. Potential demo locations are: Harmony Road, Shields Street, Laurel Street and Lake Street.

The FC Bikes Library is a combined offer for the existing bike library needs and to support on-going needs such as salaries and further programming. The programming details can be found online on the website (fcgov.com, key in “BFO”) or inquire with Tessa.

The Green Street Implementation Project is to expand the Remington Corridor project and possibly other corridor projects. The Remington Street corridor section is from Mountain Avenue to Prospect Road. There will be an established buffered bike lane in this section as well as a roundabout at Laurel Street.

For the Bicycle Plan Implementation, money is being requested from BOB.

The FC Bikes Diamond is the next program service level that FC Bikes can advance to and funding is being requested to do that.

The Bike Share Business Plan is available online and there is a request to fund it.

Planning for Bicycle Safety Town is continuing and, if funded, would likely begin construction next year.

Paul highlighted other BFOs including a request for administrative support. The BAC’s support of the BFOs was discussed.

Bike Month and Open Streets! – Tessa Greeger

Tessa provided an update of **Bike Month activities**: Bike Month Kick-off Ride, Monday, June 2nd. Additional activities are: Bike to Work Day is June 27th with 40 stations planned. Program information link: www.fcgov.com/bikemonth

National Bike Challenge: bike riding mileage log program. The City is providing incentives throughout the four months.

Open Streets events are planned for Sunday, July 20th and Sunday, September 14th, 10 a.m. to 3p.m. both days, www.fcgov.com/openstreets. They are anticipating 3,000-5,000 participants.

Women on a Roll: There were approximately 200 participants, 75 kids and 20 vendors. Dee Colombini said it was very family-friendly event.

Women's Learn 2 Ride Classes: First class was May 17th with six attendees. The next class is June 14th.

Ride, Sally Rides are women's rides held weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

The Bike Share business plan is on the website.

The June meeting may be re-scheduled to June 30th - (since been changed back to original meeting date on June 23).

Paul Sizemore gave a MAX report: On opening day, 10,000 alighted MAX. The following Monday included 2,100 alighted. Starting this week is a realignment of all the routes. The goal is to have 20 passengers per service hour; an average of 23 per hour has been recorded. MAX drivers are reporting to dispatch when cyclists are being turned away due to lack of room, and future adjustments may be made as needed.

Board Member Reports/Comments

Dee Colombini talked about having difficulty crossing Lemay Avenue on bike with her children (also on bikes). Additionally, there is not a sidewalk to ride on in one section of Lemay's east side near the entrance of Parkwood.

Tim Anderson reported that the Bike Co-op is busy for open shop and bike sales. There is ample volunteer mechanical coverage. Volunteers and users are of all ages. Open shop, where people can be shown how to fix their own bikes, is held M, W, F 2-5 p.m. and Sundays, 12-6 p.m.

Dan Gould shared his experience on the bikeway from Prospect Road to Laurel Street. Other BAC members shared their experiences of riding and using the MAX and the trail system. Some reported seeing cyclists ride along the MAX guide way. The impact of additional transit-oriented housing along the MAX was mentioned. Possible signage for way-finding was suggested. *Access Fort Collins* may be used to provide suggestions for MAX changes.

Todd Dangerfield highlighted the DDA's re-development of Old Town Square and public input is being taken via the website.

Kathryn Grimes reported that the Poudre River Restoration Project is happening. Plans include re-doing bike paths, removing old dams and cement and creating entry points.

The next FC Bikes open house is planned for the end of July.

The next BAC meeting is Monday, June 23, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Draft a letter to the Transportation Board supporting the BFO Offers.

ADJOURN

Kathryn Grimes asked for a motion to adjourn. Tim Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p. m., Todd Dangerfield seconded and it passed.

HANDOUTS

- The National Bike Challenge flyer
- Ride, Sally Rides flyer
- Open Streets flyer
- 2014: Bicycle Advisory Committee Draft Calendar of Events and Work Plan
- FC Move BFO Offers for 2015-16 Budget handout