

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

June 23, 2014

6:00 pm

Commenced at the Downtown Transit Center

Continued in the Community Room

215 N. Mason St.

Fort Collins, CO 80522

FOR REFERENCE:

Chair: Sylvia Cranmer

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Staff Liaison: Tessa Greegor

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COMMITTEE/CITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bicycle Co-op

Joy Childress, Colorado State University

Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins

Libby Harrow, Fort Collins Bicycle Retailers Alliance

Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition

Garry Steen, Transportation Board

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dan Gould

ABSENT

Dee Colombini

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority

Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board

Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager

Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

Emma Belmont, Transfort, City of Fort Collins

Timothy Wilder, Transfort, City of Fort Collins

CITIZENS PRESENT

Kevin O'Toole

Michele Scalva, Recorder

Stacy Sebeczek, Bike Fort Collins

Eric Sutherland

CALL TO ORDER

The BAC meeting commenced at the Downtown Transit Center in order to tour the Bike Library and hear a presentation from Stacy Sebeczek, Bike Library staff.

The Bike Library presentation began at 6:05PM. When the presentation concluded, the meeting continued in the Community Room. Sylvia Cranmer called the meeting to order at 6:44PM. There were 8 BAC members and 4 City staff present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen, Eric Sutherland, attended the BAC meeting and made his comments at the Bike Library, prior to the presentation.

Eric Sutherland, provided updates on the issues he presented at the April BAC meeting. He also spoke about controlling how bikeable and walkable the community is by adopting and adhering to supporting land use codes. Eric Sutherland shared his concern for safe and efficient travel of bikes and cars at the intersection of Overland Trail and Elizabeth Street. He stated the City did not want to ask the developer (who is building nearby) to enhance the intersection, and that it is an example of the community's standards for safety that are not being upheld by local government. Eric Sutherland also shared examples of what he stated are a mis-prioritization in the City's use of financial resources.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Bike Library – Stacy Sebeczek

The Bike Library is located in the Downtown Transit Center. This is a new location as of May 2014. The Bike Library is a bike lending service in Fort Collins that began in 2008. There is a \$.10 membership fee. If a credit card is used to reserve a bike, the fee is waived. A license or other valid identification card is needed to rent a bike, although the Bike Library can make exceptions as needed. Area bike maps are located in the lobby. A displayed menu of bikes available to rent include: vintage cruiser, commuter, and fat tire cruiser. There are also kids' bikes, trailers, tandems, and trikes.

Bike Library satellite locations are Best Western CSU, CSU Surplus building (near the MAX station) and FunkWorks in the brewery area. At the CSU Surplus location, two interns were hired by CSU to manage the program there. In two weeks, the Funk Works location will be added. There are approximately 80-100 bikes in the Bike Library fleet among the various locations.

Bike rental fees are \$10/day and often the Downtown location is sold out of bikes. The Bike Library is partnering with Transfort to provide bikes to bus riders. Other partnerships include the Downtown Business Association that provided signs and a ramp. And, Crankenstein that provides coffee at the DTC Bike Library for \$1.00/cup.

The Bike Library is in the initial phases of coordinating sponsorships for their fleet bikes. They would also like to increase the locations in the community to be available to more people.

Stacy stated the Bike Library has received feedback from the community that it is wanted and valued. It only began charging for bike rentals since moving locations and it continues to be widely used. It provided bikes for two elementary-school programs and an at-risk youth program.

Bike Library challenges include a limited budget that restricts staffing and open hours. A fleet that is dispersed in various locations; each satellite operates independently with its own fleet. There is limited availability (to return and secure bikes) for after-hours bike check-in. It is unclear how to continue branding the Bike Library in the community.

A FC Bike Library status update hand-out was provided.

The Q&A portion included:

Bike Fort Collins is a non-profit organization that runs the Bike Library through a contract with the City. The Downtown Transit Center location is an in-kind donation from the City. Bike Fort Collins assumes all of their own operating costs.

The Bike Library CSU is at the CSU Surplus building near the MAX station.

The Hilton Hotel may be a good location to market the Bike Library for people staying there.

The Bike Library wants to have bike sponsor license plates for individual bikes once that aspect of the service is established.

There are free bike rentals on Bike to Work day, June 25th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sylvia Cranmer asked if there were changes to the May 19th meeting minutes. Sylvia Cranmer clarified the June meeting dates written in the May minutes. Also, Sylvia Cranmer further clarified what steps need to be taken for **Draft a letter to the Transportation Board** under **Future Business** in the May minutes. Dan Gould stated a typo for correction. All stated corrections were noted to be changed for the official minutes. With inclusion of the changes, Libby Harrow moved to approve the May minutes. Ed Ossello seconded the motion and it passed. Joy Childress, Sylvia Cranmer and Ragan Adams abstained due to their absences at the May meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW

Sylvia Cranmer stated the order of agenda items would be altered. The meeting began with the MAX and Bicycle Connections presentations.

FOLLOW UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

None stated.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

MAX and Bicycle Connections – Emma Belmont

Bike racks have been added to the MAX buses and to other bus routes to meet the demands. All MAX buses have a total of 4 racks and buses for other City routes have 3 racks per bus.

There have been approximately 92,293 MAX riders in 5 weeks. The year-to-date statistics collected on the MAX demonstrate the high volume of use and it is exceeding the ridership projections.

MAX replaced bus routes 1 and 15.

In comparing MAX with bus systems in “peer communities”, the MAX has a higher number of bike racks per bus.

Transfort is receiving community feedback showing interest to increase bike access on MAX, and they are looking into options for balancing user requests. Bus rapid transit is intended and designed for speed and efficiency. Changes that slow the bus down make MAX less efficiency.

Transfort is starting a Community Conversation on bikes and the MAX. A group is being formed to work on this and an invitation was extended to have a BAC member be part of the group.

Contact information: Emma Belmont, ebelmont@fcgov.com and Timothy Wilder, twilder@fcgov.com

The Q&A portion included:

Transfort does not anticipate a decrease in ridership once fares begin due to contracts with CSU and student, staff and faculty use once school resumes.

Bike parking at the MAX stations is being increased and additional racks are planned at various locations.

Emma Belmont clarified that when wheel chair space has been full it has been due to being occupied by other individuals with wheel chairs.

Timothy Wilder talked about people bringing large pieces of equipment on the buses such as strollers that take up a lot room.

ACTION ITEMS

BAC Recommendations for Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) Offers

A handout was provided showing the current budget requests.

Paul Sizemore stated they are in the second round of the BFO request process.

BAC members discussed how to support and vote on the BFO offers. BAC members asked about the needs and priorities for FC Bikes. Paul Sizemore stated there is need for Administrative staff support and the West Elizabeth ETC Master Plan is a priority. FC Bikes would also like to see the expanded self check-out Bike Share system offer approved. Paul Sizemore highlighted aspects of the BFO offers listed on the hand-out.

Sylvia Cranmer asked for direction in how the BAC could be active in supporting the BFOs. Paul Sizemore suggested the BAC identify key projects to support. Additionally, BAC may write a letter stating broad-based support for the bike projects.

Sylvia Cranmer asked for a motion to write a letter to the Transportation Board in support of the bicycle-orientated BFO offers. Ragan Adams motioned for Chair, Sylvia Cranmer, to draft a letter of support. Joy Childress seconded and it passed. Dan Gould abstained due to his participation in reviewing BFOs.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2014 Bicycle Master Plan – Tessa Greeger

Due to a lack of time, Tessa Greeger provided a very brief update.

Large-scale maps were provided illustrating the Bicycle Level of Comfort Analysis, the Fort Collins Early Action Network Routes, and the Fort Collins Full Build Network Facilities.

Flyers for the upcoming FC Bikes July Open house were provided.

Ed Ossello asked about the green bike lanes on Harmony and why the paint is a different color. Tessa Greeger stated it is about trying to find paint that is not slick when wet and this may change depending on what works well.

Tessa Greeger stated there are new buffered bike lanes on McMurry Avenue.

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Tessa Greeger stated volunteers are needed for the upcoming Open Streets events. Volunteer-specific hand-outs were provided. There is no charge for booths at the Open Streets events.

The Bike Plan Open House event is July 30th from 4-7PM. Flyers were provided.

Committee Member Reports/Comments

Tim Anderson, Fort Collins Bike Co-op, stated they are purchasing and moving to a new location on North College. They did not receive any support from the City in securing a new location. Tim Anderson inquired if the Bike Co-op is an asset to the community since the City has not demonstrated support for its existence. A “soft” date for the move is July 15th.

Sylvia Cranmer asked if Tim Anderson would be interested in being on the BAC agenda to further discuss the Bike Co-op. Due to the timeline the Bike Co-op is operating under, he did not pursue being on a future agenda.

Dan Gould stated when cyclists are southbound and approaching the MAX University Station, it is unclear where to travel due to the change in landscape. Joy Childress suggested Dan Gould write an email to her outlining the concern, and she will forward it to the appropriate individual.

Ed Ossello reported a change in leadership at BPEC. Also, the Northern Colorado Leadership Ride had a turn-out of approximately 30 individuals.

Sylvia Cranmer stated that individuals can pre-register for the Bike to Work breakfast stations they plan to attend. There are 40 stations planned.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None stated.

ADJOURN

Sylvia Cranmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Libby Harrow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, Joy Childress seconded and it passed.

HANDOUTS

- FC Bike Library Status Update: May 2014
- Open Streets events flyer
- Open Streets Call for Volunteers document
- Open Streets Partner Information document
- FC Moves BFO Offers for 2015-16 Budget