

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room
215 North Mason Street
Fort Collins, CO 80522

FOR REFERENCE:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Sylvia Cranmer, Bike Fort Collins
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Gray Harrison, Fort Collins Bike Co-op
Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins and Parks and Recreation Board
Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board
Chris Hunt, Poudre School District
Chris Hutchinson, UniverCity Connections
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition

MEMBERS AT LARGE PRESENT

Dee Colombini
Dan Gould

ABSENT

Lawrence Bontempo, Senior Advisory Board
Greg Oakes, Transportation Board

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Jamie Gaskill-Fox, FC Bikes Program Specialist
Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager
Nancy Nichols, Safe Routes to Schools
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT

Cathy Busch-Kinkaid
Ted Manahan
Kelly McDonnell, Bike Fort Collins
Michele Scalva, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia Cranmer at 6:07 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Cranmer reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cranmer asked if there were changes to the February meeting minutes and Joe motioned to approve the minutes. Kathryn seconded and minutes were approved.

Due to her absences, Dee Colombini abstained.

FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

Kathryn is still looking into drivers' education exam questions. Sylvia suggested she reach out to Betsy Jacobsen with CDOT.

Tessa indicated that BAC nametags are in process.

Sylvia introduced an email that was sent to Tessa asking the BAC to recommend top safety messages for a potential bus ad campaign. Suggestions included: "stop means stop", "hang up and drive", a message like "share the road" that isn't confusing, "take the lane" and information regarding the 3' passing law.

ACTION ITEMS

NA

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2015 National Bike Summit and Mayor's Challenge for Safer Streets, Safer Communities Summit:

Jamie Gaskill-Fox

The event was March 10-12, 2015, in Washington D.C. Jamie shared the following event information.

People for Bikes Participation Survey:

- 1.4 million people ages 3+ rode a bike in the last year.
- More than half of women and half of men would like to bike, but (1) do not have an operational bike and (2) do not feel safe.
- There is still a gap between women and men in relation to cycling.
- Data supports that having children is a predictor of riding and specifically an increase in riding.

Other Highlights:

Issues being addressed through bike programming include: equity; creating safe spaces; and bike riding participation with delivering programming to communities, example is FC Bikes' partnership with Vida Sana.

Community design contributes to the quality of life. Example shared of Oklahoma City Mayor re-designing the city to encourage biking which resulted in an improved perception in quality of life.

Incorporating Humor in programming. Example shared of an artist that uses graphics to create entertaining educational books.

Representatives from the **bike-friendly communities** of Davis, CA, and Fort Collins and Boulder, CO; cities that are all platinum-level bike communities, talked with the League of Bicycling Communities Staff about what a diamond-level bike community would look like. FC Bikes is still advancing and developing the City cycling infrastructure. The City of Fort Collins plans to host bike program representatives from other cities trying to develop their programs.

Vision Zero is an idea established in Sweden that traffic deaths are preventable and the only tolerable number of traffic deaths is zero. Participating cities include New York City, San Francisco, Chicago and Portland (OR). *Vision Zero*, as it pertains to bicycle fatalities, is part of the Fort Collins Bicycle Master Plan.

Streets Film Video is a summary of themes from the National Bike Summit and was played at the meeting.

Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets is based on a 2010 U. S. Department of Transportation policy statement on bicycle and pedestrian accommodation. It challenges mayors and local elected officials to

take significant action to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities. Nearly 200 U. S. cities are participating; Fort Collins has not signed on yet.

Next steps for the FC Bikes Program were reviewed.

Laurel Street Protected Bike Lane Pilot Project: Tessa Greegor

A large-scale map of the pilot project area was provided for members to review.

Laurel Street is deficient in bicycle facilities and an existing gap in the 2020 low-stress bicycle network. The current bicycling issues and challenges on Laurel were reviewed. Details of the proposed design improvements include protected bike lanes, flexible delineators and parking protected bike lanes. Education initiatives for local businesses and residents regarding the street changes are planned. Implementation is scheduled for May/June. Extensive evaluation of the project will be conducted to determine applicability in Fort Collins. This is a year-long pilot project, and data will be gathered throughout to refine the protected bike lane design and support similar projects in other Fort Collins locations.

Comments:

- Caution around adding too many design changes at once.
- Suggestions to move implementation past May due to CSU graduation and to provide more time for businesses and residents in the pilot project area to give their feedback.
- An open house is Wednesday, March 25th from 5-7 p.m. at Centennial High School for pilot project area businesses and residents. BAC members are invited.

2015 Bicycle Map Update: Tessa Greegor

A large-scale map visual was provided of the proposed 2015 City Bike Map for review, and BAC members provided design feedback and suggestions.

STAFF REPORTS

Tessa Greegor received a video for the on-boarding of new Boards and Commissions members. She will review it and follow-up with the BAC.

Paul Sizemore announced the Transportation (T) Board Chair is inviting BAC members to attend their next meeting on April 15th in the Community Room. BAC attendees can review the 2015 Work Plan and discuss how the BAC and T Board may work together. Email invite is forthcoming.

MEMBER REPORTS

Chris Hutchinson, UniverCity, announced community forums about the future of Fort Collins' character and housing attainability scheduled for May and June with *Ted Talk*-type speakers. More details to follow.

Bruce Henderson, Bike Fort Collins (BFC), announced the first BFC membership launch in April, and BFC is creating eight videos on bike etiquette in collaboration with a local advertising company. Send any video suggestions to Bruce via email at BFC.

Joe Halseth, Natural Resource Advisory Board, is coordinating a BAC meeting substitute for when he is unable to attend; her name is Kelly McDonnell.

Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition, will be volunteering at the upcoming Pro Challenge event. He also shared a photo of a share the road three-foot rule traffic sign in Utah.

Gray Harrison, Fort Collins Bike Co-op, announced their fundraiser ends March 31st. Donation details and prize information are on the website. Bike tune-ups this Friday at Equinox Brewery will be done for donation only; proceeds will go to the building improvement fund.

Chris Hunt, Poudre School District, announced staff are training elementary students on safe biking with "Bike Rodeos". Bike maintenance programs are also being conducted. Students will be attending field trips in the local area on bikes.

Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation and Steward (LC&S) Board, announced the Fossil Creek Trail connection at the railroad underpass will be done soon, and the LC&S Board is considering additional land purchases. The LC&S Board meets on the second Wednesday of every month. Kathryn proposed the BAC conduct a meeting at a nearby park in the warmer months.

Joy Childress, Colorado State University, announced CSU Earth Day celebrations in April, future campus events to encourage women ridership, and efforts to advance the university bike program to the next achievement level.

Mark Houdashelt, Air Quality Advisory Board, announced they are working on dust regulation in Fort Collins, and evaluating tools that City staff could use to determine air impacts to the ozone and measure greenhouse gases.

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), stated the Old Town Square remodel will continue through mid to late August. Construction is being staged to support local business' commerce and accommodate events planned for the Old Town area. More details are available on the DDA website.

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None stated.

ADJOURN

Chair Cranmer asked for a motion to adjourn. Ragan Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Joy Childress seconded and it passed.

The next BAC regular meeting is Monday, April 27th 2015.