

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room
215 North Mason Street
Fort Collins, CO 80522

FOR REFERENCE:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ragan Adams, Parks and Recreation Board
Joy Childress, Colorado State University
Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority
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
Greg Oakes, Transportation Board
Ed Ossello, Bicycle Pedestrian Education Coalition
Kelly McDonnell, Natural Resources Advisory Board

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Gould
Cathy Busch-Kinkaid
Sylvia Cranmer, Chair

ABSENT

Lawrence Bontempo, Senior Advisory Board
Dee Colombini, At Large
Joe Halseth, Natural Resources Advisory Board
Chris Hutchinson, UniverCity Connections
Kathryn Grimes, Land Conservation & Stewardship Board
Patrick McCarty, At Large

CITY OF FORT COLLINS STAFF PRESENT

Emma Belmont, Transfort
Tessa Greegor, FC Bikes Program Manager
Lieutenant Craig Horton, FC Police Department
Amy Lewin, Transportation Planner
Becky Moriarty, FC Bikes Program Specialist
Nancy Nichols, Safe Routes to Schools
Paul Sizemore, FC Moves Program Manager

CITIZENS PRESENT

Jim McChesney
Keenan Hunt

Tom Petrie
Michele Scalva, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cranmer at 6:10 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With incorporating the stated changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING/FUTURE BUSINESS

New At Large member, Cathy Busch-Kinkaid, introduced herself and shared her interests for joining the BAC.

Chair Cranmer stated she is continuing on as an At Large member and shared her history, affiliations and interests with the bike community.

Chair Cranmer thanked Dan Gould and Dee Colombini, out-going At Large members, for their service.

Chair Cranmer stated Kathryn Grimes, absent, is contacting CDOT and will update the BAC at the June meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Bicycle Safety Enforcement Initiative – guest speaker Lieutenant Horton

It is bike enforcement week. Two parts of the initiative are: 1)Increased ridership and 2)Bike safety.

Highlights:

- There has been a decrease in tickets written to bicyclists although bicycle accidents have increased; 50% of accidents are caused by bikes and 50% by cars.
- A hand-out was provided with diagrams of the top 3 causes for bicyclist-car accidents, which account for 80% of the accidents.
- In 2014, FC Police wrote 40 tickets for cyclists running stop signs.
- FCPD, with consult from FC Bikes and other groups, is defining five priority bicycle violation codes based on the most frequent causes of accidents, and education/enforcement will be driven by these priority codes/violations. Members shared suggestions for ticket violations.
- Wrong-way accidents, legal or illegal, account for 30% of accidents.

Q&A:

- Information about CSU bicycling enforcement was shared.
- It is at an officer's discretion in evaluating whether a cyclist has stopped properly at a stop sign.
- Issues of a cyclist taking the road when there is not a bike lane were discussed. Officer Horton shared that a motorist approaching a cyclist taking the lane can pass the cyclist safely by crossing over double yellow lines if there is not on-coming traffic.
- The bike safety classes may provide a holistic view of safety for all road users.
- Cyclists ages 14 and older can be written a ticket and sent to municipal court.

FC Bikes Summer Encouragement Events Update – Becky Moriarty

June Bike Month: June Bike Month Proclamation scheduled for June 2nd at 5:30 p.m. before the Council meeting. Leisure ride will follow with ending event at Café Vino.

Bike-to-Work Day: On June 25th with 40+ breakfast stations planned; predict a 15% increase in participation from last year. Marketing/outreach efforts planned.

2015 Open Streets: Video played of the L. A. Open Streets event *CicLAvia*. The Fort Collins Open Streets event goals were shared. Event dates are: Sunday, June 7th on W. Elizabeth St., between Overland and Shields, and Sunday, September 20th on Remington St. Marketing/outreach efforts planned.

Q&A:

- Open Streets activity hubs will be staged. The area is meant to be open to encourage activity.

West Elizabeth Enhanced Travel Corridor (ETC) Plan: Emma Belmont and Amy Lewin

Designed to incorporate high-frequency transit, biking and walking. West Elizabeth will connect the Foothills and Main CSU campuses. Project efforts will continue through July 2016 and incorporates community engagement including surveys and open houses. Details provided at www.fcgov.com/westelizabeth.

Q&A:

- This is a distinct transportation effort with its own plan for improvements focused on West Elizabeth.
- There are largely CSU students in the planned improvement area. The City also plans to involve and serve the longer-term residents in area neighborhoods.
- Member comment that there is a lot of flow between the South (veterinarian teaching hospital) and Main Campuses that will likely increase in the next 10-15 years.
- Member comment to consider flow with the planned new stadium.
- General suggestion to increase safety in the West Elizabeth Corridor area.
- Comments about conflicts between motorists trying to turn right and cyclists going straight along City Park Drive.
- Comment that Shields, by CSU where the speed limit decreases, needs additional notifiers of a speed change (other than signs) for motorists.
- West Elizabeth ETC updates will be provided as the project progresses.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tessa Greigor

May meeting rescheduled to June 1st due to Memorial Day.

A **meeting bike ride** may occur in July or August.

Laurel Street Corridor installation will begin in late May, website: fcgov.com/Laurel.

Nancy Nichols

National Bike-to-School Day is May 6th, many area schools are participating. Website: WalkBiketoSchool.org.

Paul Sizemore

Transportation Open House on May 6th at Everyday Joes; all transportation projects will be displayed and is a unique opportunity to be informed about everything planned for the City.

MEMBER REPORTS

Todd Dangerfield, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), attended a Denver conference where Bill Strickland from Pittsburg, PA, President and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, spoke about the jobs training center and community arts program his company operates to give disadvantaged kids and adults the opportunities they need to build a better future. Jeff Speck spoke on transportation and has a book entitled "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time."

NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. passed unanimously.

The next BAC regular meeting is Monday, June 1, 2015.