Minutes of the October 2, 2013 SLCBAC Meeting

Absent: AJ Martine, H. Martak, S. Malone

5:35- Meeting convened, AJ Martine was absent so John Herbert (vice-chair) presided.
Public comment section: Robert Arneson discussed the maintenance of the Mountainview corridor/bikepath and said that it wasn’t cleared regularly, becoming overgrown and needed plowing in the winter. Colin Quinn-Hurst (Salt Lake Transportation Division) discussed the development of county bike paths and the development of an east-west route using 8th south to access Emigration Canyon. Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah) is developing a recreational bicycle routes system throughout the county that will include signage as well as other road designation. His overall plan is to propose a plan that would outline needed road improvements and highlight an economic development model, he asked SLCBAC to get involved.

5:50- Minutes from the September 4th meeting were discussed by I. Scharine., movement to approve was made by D. Ward and seconded by T. Riedesel(?).

(Due to schedule changes, some of the business meeting was moved up in the agenda.)

5:55- The budget worksheet was presented by L. Graham, it shows current expenditures to date and remaining balance. I. Scharine discussed updates to the website and future strategy for networking with other county, city and bicycle advocacy organizations. Outreach will be engaged through email and social network communications to achieve optimal exposure and cross-network relations.

6:00- J. Herbert discussed the meeting between Mayor Ben McAdams and SLCBAC (AJ Martine and John Herbert). They discussed the strategic plan, branding efforts, community outreach and possible legislative moves to benefit bicycle infrastructure. The Mayor is receptive to development and supportive of all the actions SLCBAC is engaging, he will continue to work closeley with the advisory committee as it begins to implement phases of this strategic plan.

6:05- J. Keele introduced Christina Oliver (SLCo office of Economic Development) who explained her role in the county department and how she might benefit SLCBAC. As a statistical analyst, Oliver examines population, business and financial numbers for trends and patterns that indicate growth and concentration throughout the county. At present the County Cooperative Planning Group and Wasatch Front Regional Council are compiling information for a multilayered map of business districts, revenue growth and financial statistics to identify where businesses are concentrated in the valley and what type of markets they identify. Oliver believes that SLCBAC and the county might be able to collaborate with the county to apply for a grant to establish a new bicycle map for the county as part of a larger plan to identify the same information already being gathered by the County Economic Department.

6:45- BAP/BTIP (engineering report) G. Deneris: Results of the Emigration Canyon native species planting project were discussed and the results were highly successful. Planning is already being discussed for future projects and development in the canyon. The Bicycle
Ambassadors Program is winding down with educational outreach a primary focus in the final months of the year. Jack Lasley will serve as an intern next year through county funding. The Active Transportation group is teaming with UTA to encourage carpooling and trip-sharing to reduce winter emissions and traffic congestion. Snow removal for bikepaths is being discussed and might gain legislation to assist in mandating bike trails be treated as road infrastructure and require clearing in the winter, as per a model based on Wisconsin’s policy. Bike signal detection will be implemented immediately and will focus on the 3900 south and 800 south corridors, they are scheduled to be installed by summer of 2014. New signals and crossings on 2300 east will be the topic of an upcoming town-hall meeting to discuss benefits and needs with residents.

7:15- J. Keele announced that M. Hillyard has been reassigned to help follow SLCBAC for the Mayor’s office due to the amount of activity taking place with development of the strategic plan.

7:20- P. Mair addressed the committee concerning the goal to develop an updated county wide bicycle trail/paths map that would update the 2007 version and identify SLCBAC as its sponsor. Mair contacted a California map-making company and provided two samples of their work based on California communities. Initial cost was very high and suggestions were made by Dave Iltis and others to use cheaper resources, also GIS compatibility should be a consideration if different resources gathered by SLCo departments are to be integrated. The possibility of using a grant to assist in the creation of this map is a strong possibility and will have to be discussed further in future meetings.

7:45- Motion to adjourn meeting: C. Petersen, seconded by P. Mair.

Note: Robert Arneson (Kearns) who spoke during the public comments section approached J. Herbert and declared his interest in applying for SLCBAC. He was encouraged to use the application process to schedule an interview with Sheryl Ivey’s office.