SLCBAC Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2013


Absent: AJ Martine (excused post-surgery), L. Melini

5:40pm- Meeting begins late due to dinner served, John Herbert presiding for AJ Martine. Introductions and public comments: Dan Fazzini Jr. addressed the board concerning the upcoming state legislative session and proposals concerning bicycles and laws/bills that will affect bicycle and pedestrian commuting. More information will be available at Safe-Route.org as it becomes available.

5:47- J. Herbert read a letter from AJ Martine concerning 2013’s progress and some of the expectations and goals for 2014.

5:50- Deputy Mayor of Salt Lake County, Nicole Dunn, introduced herself and addressed the committee on behalf of Mayor McAdams. Her statements included thanks to the board and its efforts as well as acknowledgement of the Mayor’s plan to secure $800K in 2014 for Active Transportation programs.

5:55- D. Weigand of county Information Services is introduced and addressed the committee on the future of SLCo websites and rollout of the new image. Improvements to the county’s network will include faster upload of template information and pdfs, spreadsheets or other documents, social media links, multi-lingual options, and device-sensitive webpage adaptation. Expected rollout is to begin early in 2014 and proceed as each division/site is coded and ready to go live. SLCBAC is expected to have coding completed by the end of January through a hired web design consultant and the new website could be up as early as February.

6:10- J. Johner and J. Collins introduced themselves and spoke about the purpose and role of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). Much of the council’s work is conducted through participation with mayors and council members of cities along the Wasatch Front. Almost every board position is chaired by representatives from Salt Lake County communities and includes representation from Davis, Morgan, Toole and Weber counties as well. Work performed by the WFRC includes Active Transportation improvements and infrastructure development funded by federal grants as well as UDOT and UTA contributions. WFRC is interested in offering SLCBAC a seat at the table in assisting decisions that will impact the county’s roads and paths for the long-term.

6:35- P. Sarnoff (Green Bike) and C. Quinn-Hurst (SLC Mayor’s office) introduced their proposal to fund a start-up 501c3 non-profit organization, Bike-Walk SLC. They are looking for $5000-10K to hire legal assistance to file papers and establish an executive director. If SLCBAC agrees to fund a portion of the amount they would be offered a position on the board of directors. Several attendees and SLCBAC committee members recognized that this appears to have the same goals as Bike Utah. Following the initial presentation, discussion of the need for a secondary organization alongside Bike Utah was engaged and also concerns about the organization’s consistency of mission and purpose relative to SLCBAC’s. Vote on funding request pending for later in the meeting.
Business Meeting

7:15- Minutes from November were discussed, J. Herbert requested updates to the minutes prior to the meeting. Updates were agreed upon, S. Malone motioned to approve minutes, P. Mair seconded the motion; minutes were approved.

D. Ward asked the formation of the formation of a Budget Committee and possibly heading it as chair.

7:20- Budget discussion concerning what SLCBAC has left for 2013 and if it wants to help fund the Bike-Walk SLC project. Of the money remaining, the possibility to encumber an amount (if approved) going into 2014 was discussed. J. Keele, M. Hillyard and G. Deneris explored the legal and county regulations on both supporting a non-profit group and earmarking an approved amount heading into 2014.

7:37- Steve Malone motioned to approve an encumbered amount ($5,000) exclusively for Bike-Walk Salt Lake for up to four months. It is anticipated that Bike Walk Salt Lake will either be incorporated directly into Bike Utah, in which case the $5,000 will be used to provide staff and develop new programs, or it will be setup as a stand-alone 501c3 non-profit, in which case the $5,000 will be used to hire a consultant to prepare the filing with the IRS. SLCBAC will have a representative on the Board of Bike Walk Salt Lake or will otherwise have a direct voice in the oversight of the organization. The decision on whether Bike Walk Salt Lake will be incorporated into Bike Utah will be made at an upcoming Bike Utah board meeting, presumably in December or January. Ian Scharine seconded the motion; 5 approval votes, 2 opposition, 2 abstention; motion passes.

D. Ward motioned to fund bike racks sponsored by SLCBAC with the remaining funding after the non-profit’s approved amount of $5000, S. Malone seconded the motion. G. Deneris introduced the possibility of installing a bicycle storage and maintenance station located on county property. After the discussion, the committee decided to only find bicycle racks. Voting: 7 approval votes, 1 abstention; motion passes.

7:50- D. Ward motioned to adjourn the meeting, N. Evans seconded the motion. Agreed upon unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.