Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2016


Absent: K. Sturgeon(excused), K. Jones

5:35- Meeting begins: Introductions.

Jen McGrath (UTA) announced the First Mile/Last Mile project and its impact and purpose for County residents. A primary source was information and data gathering, focusing on stations and connectivity with bike and pedestrian routes. Six typologies for transit stations were categorized. The study also looked at national and international models. Then the study formulated recommended strategies for improvement for various identified potential improvements. The end result is the application for a Tiger grant that includes 6 counties and recommends adding approximately 70 miles of bicycle paths. It also identifies nearly 400 projects to fund.

SLCBAC can lend assistance in promoting the plan and spreading information concerning the impact and long term benefits of the plan.

6:02- Public comments:

M. Kaller reported that Midvale is in favor of adding more bike paths and walking trails. They are currently working to identify possible problems and approaches to developing a city master plan.

J. Knoblock is on the Mountain Accord subcommittee for mountain bike trails and they are working to develop more shared use trails. They also consider road bikes and use in the canyons, several studies are in progress to analyze and identify bike use across the county. Among canyons that have received approved funding are Millcreek, Big Cottonwood and Emigration. The city of Herriman has purchased property and hopes to develop a trail network connecting Corner Canyon.

B. Wheeler reported that the trail repairs are completed on the Winchester section of the Jordan River Parkway.

6:15- County updates: M. Hillyard reminded the committee of the Mayor's Bike to Work Day on May 31. The BAP program is still under consideration and revision and funding is among the primary concerns to maintain it. Megan recommended that SLCBAC look to find an outside funding source to assist in providing money annually to keep the program active and thriving. Of most interest would be an RFP partnership that would supply matching funding to that of the County's and/or SLCBAC.
M. Johnson discussed volunteers for the Tour of Utah and the status of current enrollment. He then confirmed that there were a total of 5 bike racks, 3 U-style that were available. Also provided was a BAP inventory for handout purposes and review. All resources are available for the committee to use as seen fit.

The committee expressed concern to have some of the material available on the Mayor’s Bike to Work Day and other events that they will be participating in.

Max announced current bike projects underway in SLCo, many of which will either add a shared bike lane or widen the lane for bikes.

6:38 - ATIP update: T. Jensen announced the finalization of public meetings to interact with the County planning team to shape the Master Transportation Plan and provide public input. The dates, locations and times of the meetings are now online and disbursement of the link is encouraged. He hopes that SLCBAC members will be able to attend each of the meetings and assist in stimulating public discourse and input. It is expected that committee members act as liaisons for public dialogue and not encourage biased viewpoints. Also, civil dialogue is imperative. Travis passed out fliers for distribution and asked that the committee report back as to where the announcements were placed. He expects that the results of these meeting will represent the County, committee and encourage public opinion in the future. Sharing through social media has been made easy and committee members are encouraged to share events through links and various announcement forms as the events approach.

6:56 - Betsy introduced Kami Herzberg who is a potential candidate for the committee. She described herself as a mountain biker who started using city streets to commute and get exercise.

**Business Meeting**

7:00 - Budget report: The committee discussed the budget and current payments and expenditures. They discussed the brochure and posters and the need to fund them since IHC announced that they could not provide funding as previously expected. The committee will look into the County’s resources and print material in time for upcoming events in May.

B. Wheeler motioned to approve up to $500 to print material, P. Mair seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The committee discussed searching for a partner to cooperate in an RFP program to support the BAP program. Under the conditions determined by the committee, a partner would provide matching funding and the County might be persuaded to add additional monies.

P. Mair made a motion to endorse an RFP program to support the Bicycle Ambassadors Program through SLCBAC. AJ amended the motion to not commit funding to an RFP program but earmark $5K. P. Mair agreed on the amendment and the committee approved unanimously.
7:12- Meeting minutes approval: AJ Martine made a motion to approve last month's minutes, M. Kaller seconded the motion and the committee approved the minutes unanimously.

R. Topham discussed his Strider Bicycle build and the need for volunteers to provide labor to build 300+ bicycles for youth in need. He will send an email to remind committee members of the project as the date approaches.

B. Byrne asked the committee to endorse Kami as a new committee member; AJ Martine proposed that she be accepted with the condition that future committee members be sought from regions other than SLC. A. Searle seconded the motion and the committee approved Kami's application unanimously.

7:21- AJ addressed the committee on his proposal on vetting potential projects to support the Mayor and its mission through identifying opportunities to improve cycling in SLCo. He asked the committee to review his draft and provide input to hone the process and identify goals that can be achieved in a year's time.

P. Mair motioned for the committee to hold a dinner in June for its members and the public, the funding would not exceed $500. B. Wheeler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:30- Meeting Adjourned