Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee – December 12, 2018

Present: Adan Carrillo, AJ Martine, Blair Tomten, Tom Jackson, Martin Gregory, Marcus Kaller, Eric Kraan, David Ward, Angelica Bolanos, Jack Lasley

Absent: Reed Topham

5:35 pm- Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes

AJ Martine motioned to approved the minutes, and Eric Kraan second it. The minutes were approved.

5:37 pm- Public Comments

Ben McAdams, the outgoing county mayor, came to the meeting at the invitation of AJ Martine. He discussed the approval of 25 percent of transportation funds dedicated to creating trails, at the recommendation of the committee ($10 million). He also talked about continuing to emphasize the importance of the Active Transportation Implementation Plan (ATIP). McAdams encouraged committee members to work with the new mayor and stress on becoming a presence in active transportation. Marcus Kaller and Adan Carrillo both thanked him for his work and support as county mayor. McAdams thanked Helen Peters for the hard work she performed as active transportation manager.

Sean Murphy, from Salt Lake Bicycle Collective, announced to the committee that they are preparing to relocate to a potential new location along 900 South near Gayle Street. They said they are seeking people with experience in finance and fundraising, as well as people to serve on their board to build up the organization. Sam Warrick, director for the Salt Lake shop, talked about a funding request to restart a program where youth can learn bike maintenance skills and work towards earning a new bike. The program previously reached 250 kids but retaining them was difficult. They added an element where youth would earn promotions towards colored aprons that denote skill levels and retention improved since. The request for $3500 would go toward their program. Youths in the program would have the opportunity to serve as mentors and even work in the shop. Tom Jackson encouraged the committee to support the Collective’s program. AJ Martine thanked Jackson for his service on the committee.

6:10pm- Interview with Daniel Frederick

Daniel talked about his experience as part of this application to join the committee, and how he and his family approach riding bikes in Bluffdale. Blair Tomten asked Daniel if he attended his city’s council meeting, while Marcus Kaller asked him about his familiarity with the city’s active transportation plan. Daniel said he knew some people in Riverton who might be interested in joining the committee. Marcus Kaller motioned to recommend the application to the mayor’s office for further approval, and Blair Tomten seconded it. The motion to approve Daniel’s application passed.

6:20pm- Approval of Bylaws

Adan Carrillo asked committee members if these should be approved after the new county mayor is decided or not. Both Helen Peters and AJ Martine said the bylaws should be approved just to present them before the new mayor. AJ motioned to accept the bylaw changes, and Marcus Kaller seconded it. Dave Iltis suggested changing the part “County Mayor’s Office” to “Salt Lake County Government.” Adan said the bylaws should be approved until that suggestion is permissible, while Helen Peters said she would ask Craig Waynesgard about it. AJ’s motioned to approve the changes passed.
6:25pm- Partner Updates

Parks and Recreation – Ken Richley said Salt Lake-Utah Canal trail is moving along.

County Health - Kathryn Hiolski said they are moving to fill Emily’s position. Meanwhile, the department are working on collecting data along the Jordan River Parkway as it pertains to wayfinding signs. The preliminary findings, so far, show some differences among cities, in terms of the number of cyclists and the use of safety equipment. Kathryn said this data will be useful in formulating strategies for dealing with specific issues in each city. Ken Richley added 85% of the cyclists liked the signage.

6:30pm- County Updates

Helen Peter reported that on December 21, applications for cities to file for active transportation projects are due. There might be a partnership with UDOT for 1300 West. She’ll contact West Valley, Taylorsville, and Riverton to see if they would want to join in. The Wasatch Front Regional Council is also accepting applications for funding requests, with Draper, Herriman, and a multi-city partnership called the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan. Applications are due January 17, 2019, with $1.3 million to give.

Due to recently passed laws by the Utah Legislature, cities could keep nine months of tax monies, from sales taxes, following a rate hike. Estimates of available funds are approaching $50 million. Helen said she will look into the roadway projects under construction, and see if they match to ATIP. Helen also described trail projects that are part of county’s trails master plan, under Parks and Recreation. Two trails in the southwest area will be constructed next year. Adan asked if there was a way for the committee to help out. Helen said to go to open houses for projects and provide feedback to city officials and consultants.

Helen mentioned she and Angela Mortenson, from UDOT, to starting funding for transportation alternatives program.

Helen finished her presentation with word that the committee’s budget was approved. She said she will look into want the total amount will be. She reminded the committee of the Utah Bike Summit in Lehi on March 5, 2019.

6:42 pm- Budget

Adan Carillo brought the funding request from the Salt Lake Bike Collective for $3,500. David Ward asked if the committee had $3,500, which Adan said there should be, due to the Bike Ambassador Program not being paid. David presented to the committee the year-end budget report, saying there was only $1,800 available. Adan motioned to allocate the remaining $1,800 to the Bike Collective’s request. AJ Martine amended the motion to add any other funds founds. Eric Kraan seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dave Iltis provided some updates. 1500 East is getting bike lanes between 1300 South and 2100 South. 1700 South was approved to remove a lane of traffic to rearrange bike lanes. UDOT is rebuilding 5600 West, including a redesigned interchange at I-80, which would be dangerous for cyclists. Dave also said the committee’s budget was approved, with the same amount as this past year. Two mountain bike trails are going to be built by the Salt Lake Valley Trails Society in 2019. The goathead ordinance was passed in Salt Lake City. And Salt Lake City’s Transportation Division is short-handed on personnel.
6:55pm - Meeting Adjourned