

October 9, 2019 | SLCBAC Meeting Minutes

Present: Blair Tomten, Marcus Kaller, Alex Parker, Dixie Harris, Eric Kraan

Absent: Martin Gregory, AJ Martine, Ja'rell Watts, Adan Carillo (excused), Alex Degnan (excused), Mike Mikhalev (excused), Jill Jensen (excused)

Others: Jared Stewart (staff), Mercedes Maestas (SL County Health Department), Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah), Abby Feenstra

5:45 pm Welcome and Introductions

5:50 pm Approval of Minutes

- SLCBAC did not have a quorum so no minutes were approved at this meeting

5:50 pm Public Comments

- Abby Feenstra, applied to the committee and is excited to hear more about the group.
- Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah): GREENbike has expanded operations to 9th and 9th, County government center, and Central pointe TRAX station. They are now expanding outside the downtown area. GREENbike will be expanding to Lehi and Ogden. GREENbike has been asked by the SLC council to add more stations on the west side.
- Dave Iltis reminded the committee to participate in Salt Lake City's 300 West Survey. Dave also gave various updates from a meeting at Wasatch Front Regional Council.
- Dave Iltis (this comment was made at the end of the meeting), made an unofficial request for funding. He gave a summary of Cycling Utah's accomplishments, history, and milestones. The financial ask would be for \$2,391. This money would be used for SLCBAC web advertisements, funding of free ad space for Bike Utah and the Salt Lake Bicycle Collective, and towards printing of the Cycling Utah magazine. Dave will make a formal request (or send it electronically) by the November meeting.

6:00 pm Chair Report and Action updates by SLCBAC members

- Blair, we are still looking into Drivers License education. Alex Parker downloaded and read the drivers manual section on bikes and was surprised at the level of detail.
- Alex Parker mentioned that the group needs to do a better job at putting events into the Bike Utah Calendar.
- Alex asked Jared to update the Fix It Station list and send it out to the group again to prevent double entries into the inventory/survey.
- Eric gave updates on the Dimple dell active transportation workgroup. He would like to see more bicycle connections to the park. Dave commented that Sandy and Draper are working on a combined active transportation plan. Eric responded that they may be waiting to act on Dimple Dell until AT plans are finalized. Dave suggested we have someone from Sandy come and speak at our next meeting. Eric agreed and hopes that being involved in the workgroup gives SLCBAC some traction for public input.

- Eric updated the group on the Wasatch Boulevard street design charette that he attended in Cottonwood Heights. There will be 2 more sessions of the workshop coming up. Eric will attend to advocate for cycling infrastructure.
- Dixie, no updates at this time.

6:20 pm Chair Initiatives

- Blair would like to move forward with easing some committee members out of their positions if they have unexcused absences or are no longer attending meetings. Jared explained that according to the Bylaws the committee can vote a member be recommended for removal if they have three or more unexcused absences in a 12-month period.
- Blair brought up that Martin Gregory has not been attending and that his position could be better filled by a new applicant.
- Dixie commented that asking Martin to resign would be the kindest and most practical process. Blair and the group agreed. Blair will communicate with Martin and other members who have not been attending.

6:30 pm Blair update on the Move Utah Summit

- Blair gave an overview of the Keynote speaker from the Move Utah 2019 Summit and the ideas that it sparked in her mind regarding for tactical urbanism.
- Blair talked about how SLCBAC could leverage funds to use tactical urbanism to improve places and get bike lanes down for a day/week. It would be ideal start at the beginning of the year, identify locations, costs, design, and implement during the summer of 2020.
- Eric voiced support and thought it would be a great way to engage each municipality, learn what their needs are and how we can help.
- Alex commented that SLCBAC could get corporate sponsorships to help partner on projects.
- Jared will work with Blair to plan for how to identify places and potential partnerships.

6:45 pm Health Department Update

- Earlier this month Jared sent out information about Bike Audits that Mercedes came up with.
- Bike audits help get feedback to city and participants about how to connect and better use trails. It helps identify gaps and places where improvements could be made. Cities will be coming to Mercedes and asking for Bike audits on newly implemented trails/area.
- SLCBAC would go with Mercedes and have a checklist that they can work through during the audit. The area would be graded and assessed. Mercedes would then write a Health Assessment to go along with the results of the bike audit that would be given back to the city.
- If you have relationships with the cities, SLCBAC could reach out and offer a bike audit. Our goal is walkable and bikeable communities. Reach out to them and Mercedes can work with Jared to set opportunities up.
- This led to a discussion about how we could implement bike audits further. Eric asked Jared: Can we stipulate a bike audit as part of the process in Active Transportation Funding from the County? SLCBAC could go through the health department bike audit checklist and assist the process to help give direction.
- Jared will take this idea to Helen Peters at the County and see what can be incorporated into the Active Transportation funding application process.

- Mercedes, we could do a bike audit before the fact and then after construction to gauge effectiveness of the infrastructure.
- Eric mentioned that we could go a step farther and combine tactical urbanism with bike audits to get meaningful feedback from the public on what will work.

6:45 pm County Updates by Jared Stewart

- Reminder to visit the Fix it Stations in your community and inventory them for parts and quality (<https://arcg.is/1GeyyC>).
- Eco Counters: We have issued a notice to proceed with design of the Eco-counters.
- **UDOT Active Transportation Prioritization:** UDOT will shortly open a public comment period on the New Transportation Capacity Project Prioritization Process. We will notify SLCBAC as soon as it opens for public comment. Review the process here: <https://www.udot.utah.gov/main/uconowner.gf?n=8883023424657300>
- **Outdoor Recreation Grants:** The Office of Outdoor Recreation has three grant applications open. There will be an open house on November 12th and 20th
 - Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant (for new infrastructure)
 - Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant (for maintenance backlog issues on public lands)
 - Utah Children’s Outdoor Recreation and Education Grant Program (for children’s outdoor programming)
- Put these dates on your calendar (Jared will send out additional information later):
 - November 12th and 20th Outdoor Recreation Grant workshop

7:00 pm Meeting adjourned