

April 8, 2020 | SLCBAC Meeting Minutes

Present: Alex Degnan, Alex Parker (Treasurer), Blair Tomten (Chair), Eric Kraan (Vice Chair), Dixie Harris, Travis Evans, Mike Mikhalev

Absent: Jill Jensen, Ja'rell Watts

Others: Jared Stewart (SL County Staff), Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah), Kevin Dwyer (SL Valley Trails Society), Mercedes Maestas (SL County Health Department), Heidi Goedhart (UDOT Planning), Hugh Van Wagenen (Wasatch Front Regional Council), Crys Lee (Bike Utah)

5:40 pm Welcome and Introductions

5:43 pm Approval of Minutes

- February meeting minutes were approved unanimously (motion by Alex Parker and seconded by Eric Kraan).
- March meeting minutes were approved unanimously (motion by Alex Parker and seconded by Alex Degnan).

5:45 pm Public Comments

- Dave Iltis (Cycling Utah):
 - Updated the committee on Salt Lake City efforts to keep bikes and pedestrians safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. SLC has enabled auto pedestrian phasing at 70+ intersections across the city so that residents won't need to press the push buttons.
 - Some discussion with Heidi Goedhart (UDOT) as to if UDOT will also enable an auto pedestrian phase at UDOT intersections. Heidi is discussing this at UDOT to evaluate where it makes sense.
 - Tour of Utah 2020 is cancelled
 - Cycling Utah has a new print issue out which will be distributed to bike shops.
- Kevin Dwyer (Salt Lake Valley Trails Society)
 - Has published a document of 10 ways to stay safe on trails in collaboration with Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake County Health Department
 - SLVTS has traditionally been funded by TRCC funds (Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention). Kevin explained that these funds have been cancelled in 2020. Due to a decrease in funds his group will likely host less volunteer activities.
 - Requested future support (not financial) from SLCBAC to work towards funding the County Trails Master Plan.
- Heidi Goedhart (UDOT)
 - UDOT has been monitoring Strava and Active Transportation data and has seen over a 70% increase statewide in outdoor recreation compared to this time last year.
 - Requested that if anyone knew of data sources that could contribute to let her know.

6:00 pm Utah Public and Open Meetings Training

- This item is postponed until May due to a family conflict of the presenter

6:00 pm Updates to Action Items

- Bobsled Mountain Bike Trail Signage (Alex Degnan)
 - Signs will be completed by the manufacturer on 4/9/2020.
 - Alex will pick up the signs and keep them at his home until installation.
 - Alex will work with SLVTS and Salt Lake City to install
- Bicycle Repair Station
 - The County (Jared) is having an interlocal agreement signed with Cottonwood Heights to establish that the city will install and maintain, as soon as the agreement is in place it will be delivered to Cottonwood Heights.
- Filmed by Bike Film Festival (Alex Parker and Travis Evans)
 - The event will be postponed until the pandemic has been resolved
- Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act (Mike Mikhalev and Jared Stewart)
 - Jared gave a brief summary of the act. It would adjust the boundaries of the Mount Olympus Wilderness area to allow for the construction of the BST trail where it does not currently exist.
 - Jared and Mike have drafted a briefing to Mayor Wilson. Through this briefing SLCBAC is encouraging Mayor Wilson to support the act and write a letter of support to Congressman Curtis.
 - Mayor Wilson serves on the Central Wasatch Commission. The CWC has decided to not take a position on the act due to some lack of support by environmental groups.
 - Jared will keep SLCBAC update on the status of the briefing and the Mayors position.

6:30 pm County Report (Jared)

- Jared provided a summary of recent County funding towards active transportation
 - \$1,720,000 to update the Mt Olympus Trailhead
 - \$25,000 to connect the Mt Olympus Trailhead to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail
 - \$500,000 to purchase land for the Bonneville Shoreline Trailhead at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon
 - Transportation Land Use Connection (TLC) Grants from WFRC:
 - Active Transportation Plans for Herriman, Kearns, Magna, and Taylorsville
 - Greenways Visioning Plan (awarded to SL County in partnership with the Seven Canyons Trust)
- Pedestrian Summit and the Utah Bike Summit have been rescheduled
- National Bike month is still May, but national bike to work week has been rescheduled to September.
- Jared gave an overview of relevant Active Transportation legislation.

6:40 pm May Agenda

- Dave Iltis: we could consider discussing the West Bench BST
- Blair: a resident of South Jordan will be attending to discuss creating a friendly competition between cities about bicycle lane rankings.

6:45 pm Meeting Adjourned