

Minutes of the
SALT LAKE COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2001 S. State St., N3001
May 3, 2010 6:00 p.m.

Chad Mullins	Chair	Evelyn Tuddenham	UDOT
Charlie Kulp	SLCBAC	Jory Johner	WFRC
Kimi Barnett	SLCo Mayor's Office	Sophi Bedillion	Cyclist
Diane Turner	County Council Candidate	Andrea Pullos	SLCo Engineering
Elli Cosky	SLCo Planning	Megan Hillyard	SLCo Mayor's Office
Teri Sommers	Unified Police Dept.	Walt Gilmore	SLCo Parks & Rec
Tara Miller	Cyclist	John D. Kriesel	Cyclist/Commuter
Jason Bultman	SLCBAC		

Introduction of New Executive Members

The new executive members of the committee were introduced: Chad Mullins, Chair; Jason Bultman, Co-Chair (excused); and Charlie Kulp, Secretary/Treasurer. Those in attendance at the meeting introduced themselves.

Introduction of New Bicycle Advisory Committee Structure

Megan Hillyard explained that the committee will follow an informal structure, similar to that of the Salt Lake City Bicycle Committee. The executive board will vote at quarterly meetings. Subcommittees will meet on a monthly basis. Financial decisions will be approved by a financial oversight subcommittee made up of the Salt Lake County Chief Financial Officer, Darrin Casper; Kimi Barnett; and Megan Hillyard.

Megan noted that her position with Salt Lake County is working as a liaison with the community councils in the unincorporated areas of the county and she would like to facilitate communication between the community councils and the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The committee discussed putting meeting announcements in the community newsletters.

The best time to hold meetings was discussed. It was decided to conduct an online survey.

Reports

Chair Report

Chad reported that the committee needs to develop a mission statement. He feels the goal of the committee is to work on behalf of the community to make bicycling safe and enjoyable for everyone, not just a few. Numerous studies show that the more bicyclists there are on the road,

the safer bicycling becomes. He wants to create a friendly bicycle environment that encourages more cyclists and more dialogs between cyclists and motorists.

Co-Chair Report

Andrea Pullos, in Jason Bultman's absence, reported on the passage of the "complete streets" ordinance. The intent of this ordinance is to ensure that when new streets are designed or maintenance projects are planned, they will be reviewed to develop streets that are accessible for all users. However, this does not mean that all streets will be given bicycle lanes as not every road is appropriate for bike lanes. This is something the county has been doing for years – now the requirements are in writing.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Charlie Kulp reported that the Bicycle Advisory Committee is the only advisory committee within Salt Lake County that has its own budget. For the year 2010, it is \$21,000. Historically the funding has been spent on a variety of things – ads in *cycling utah* and the *Sports Guide*, the Josie Johnson Memorial Rides held in the years 2004 through 2008, and the creation and printing of a countywide bicycle route map. A lot of feedback has been received regarding the map and the plan is to create a larger map with additional financial support from sponsors. The committee could also consider creating a brochure on bicycling which incorporates safety rules and cycling resources within the community.

Salt Lake County Engineering Report

Andrea Pullos explained that the county Engineering Division is responsible for the construction portion of streets. Street maintenance issues, such as repairs and sweeping, is handled by the Public Works Operations Division. It would be helpful to Engineering if the committee would work on a prioritization list and the county could apply for federal funding which may be available in 2011. A street project they are currently working on with West Valley City is 7200 West. Bicycle lanes have been included in the design but there is no funding at this time. The county does plan to put a lane on its side of the street. At this time, there is no funding for specific bicycle projects available at this time.

Canyon Rim Citizens Council has requested that bike lanes be striped on Imperial Drive. The road is wide enough if Operations has the funding to do it.

Salt Lake County Planning Report

Elli Cosky reported that the Planning Division has two separate roles – one is current planning which involves land use planning for the unincorporated areas and the other is long-range planning which plans for the future by anticipating growth, jobs, transportation, environmental issues, etc. The county wants to promote communities that are bicycle and pedestrian accessible. A GIS map is available online <http://gis.rbf.com/trails/slcroutes.html>.

Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation Report

Walt Gillmore explained that the Parks Planning Section works on Class 1 trails. Salt Lake County's regional trails plan was created in 1990-91. Twenty-five years ago there were no trails in Salt Lake County. It has been through the efforts of cities and counties working together, along with federal funding, that we have the Class 1 trails we have today.

The environmental assessment on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail was just received from the Forest Service. It has been almost five years since that process began. This is a trail for hiking and biking. Most trails are paved with one exception, the Wasatch Trail which is an on-street trail. County Parks is working through UDOT to obtain transportation enhancement funds to widen street shoulders and improve the drainage grates so they are safer for bicycles.

Phase 2 of the Wasatch Trail is nearing completion and work on Phase 2 of the Jordan River trail is progressing. This trail has only a few sections left to do before the entire trail will be complete. The cities have been very good to work with but land acquisitions are now holding up the project.

Work on Parley's Trail to connect it from the Bonneville Shoreline Trail to the Jordan River Trail continues. Construction is taking place from Parley's Nature Park to Tanner Park. Permission is being requested from Salt Lake City to have a temporary on-street trail to Sugarhouse Park. Clearance to use the UTA corridor to continue on to the Jordan River has to be obtained also. The SLCBAC can help by providing input on the design, etc.

Unified Police Department Report

Teri Sommers said the UPD can provide support through the communication process. Interactions at any level between the bicycling community and motorist community are beneficial. She feels the "meet and greet" sessions have been very successful and have gone a long way in eliminating some of the issues, particularly in Emigration Canyon. If the committee can be involved with the community councils, it gives the council members a face to put with a name.

The county ordinance on bicycle registration is very generic. The Sheriff's Office can register bikes and collect fees but there is no direction regarding a central data base. A statewide data base is what is needed.

Ten to twenty years down the road, the canyons will not be able to accommodate all of the users. This committee could have a voice in what is decided regarding alternate means of transportation in the canyons.

The UPD is reviewing Salt Lake City's bicycle laws and how the City has trained its officers in an effort to create uniform valley-wide enforcement.

Enforcement of the proper usage of bicycle lights was discussed. There are many people that use bicycles as their only means of transportation that cannot afford lights. Perhaps the committee could consider putting up some seed money to purchase and distribute lights to those who cannot afford them. The UPD's approach is education first, enforcement second -- with a warning or ticket determined on a case by case basis.

Salt Lake County Mayor's Office

Megan informed everyone of the SLCBAC website that has been maintained by the committee's last chair. Megan and Kimi will work with the County Information Services Division to make it an official county website. It will have the capability for people to post information such as a blog. Meeting agendas, minutes and other information will be posted on the site so that it can serve as a community resource and encourage others to attend the committee meetings.

Utah Department of Transportation Report

Evelyn stated that her position with UDOT is funded by the program, Travel Right, which promotes traveling by methods other than vehicles. She participated in the Bike Summit, along with UDOT's deputy director, which has resulted in more communication and planning meetings. UDOT is adopting a "complete systems" program in that it works with cities and towns to help complete their street systems and determine what is best in terms of traffic flow.

Wasatch Front Regional Council Report

Jory stated the committee could best help by prioritizing bicycle routes. WFRC can then assist with the coordination between cities and the county as master plans are developed.

Other Business

Chad suggested creating an engineering / planning subcommittee to meet on a monthly basis to prioritize bicycle routes and identify needs. Another subcommittee would be education / events. Any recommendations for other subcommittees would be appreciated. He, Megan and Kimi can be accessed by their emails listed on the existing website.

Megan said she had been asked if the Bicycle Committee would be interested in being a sponsor for the Bicycle Fashion Show. She suggested a \$200 contribution. Those in attendance agreed on being a sponsor for the show.