

## **Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2016**

*Attending: B. Byrne, A. Searle, AJ Martine, R. Topham, B. Wheeler, T. Jackson, K. Herzberg, D. Ward, M. Kaller, I. Scharine, M. Gregory*

*Absent: P. Mair, K. Sturgeon, K. Tohinaka*

5:30- Meeting begins: introductions, public announcements.

P. Sarnoff announced the Bike Utah awards that is a fundraiser and celebration of organizations and individuals. He also verified that the Bike Collective had appointed a new director.

County updates: W. Somerkorn discussed changes to the County Townships office and also possible planning for the Bicycle Ambassadors program. The Townships office has been placed in charge of BAP and it has selected Bike Utah as the RFP for the program. An expanded budget as well as appointment of a director is the immediate plan.

Phil added to the announcement with saying that Bike Utah plans to hire a part-time position to guide the program and hopes to have SLCBAC assist in the selection of this position. He said that discussions with BAP members had provided input on their hopes that the program will be more proactive as well as take a more educational role. The ambassadors also express a desire to increase outreach as well as engaging in more training for both ambassadors and programs for the general public.

The Committee reminded the County and Bike Utah that they had allocated up to \$5K in funding to support any efforts pursued by the Bicycle Ambassador program. There is also the possibility that more money can be made available if a request is made.

5:45- ATIP updates: T. Jensen announced that Utah was awarded the Tiger Grant they applied for and it would be applied to Active Transportation through 6 counties. The grant is valued at approximately \$80 million and will be used to expand infrastructure, improve existing facilities and establish additional bike, pedestrian and public transit resources. Larger infrastructure planning will take several years while smaller items are likely to be addressed in the short term. The ATIP drafts and public meetings will be held during September and involve stakeholders and also invite the general public to comment on the drafts at this point of development. The way-finding signage project is still in development and nearing finalization of a standard nomenclature.

5:55- AJ Martine updated the weed control efforts and the committee's possible assistance in noxious weed control as well as the planting of native species.

D. Ittis added that more noxious weeds had been added to the list and that this means that more will have to be invested in time and money to fight spread. He also announced that the

Redwood Road modification had been stalled and that UDOT was reconsidering their plan to remove bike lanes from several sections.

M. Johnson commented that members of SLCBAC had been approved to use several bike racks for installation at Cypress High and that more racks were available but that funding to install them was not allocated yet. The committee also asked about the remaining racks and the cost and process necessary to install them at selected sites.

### **Business Meeting**

6:05- B. Wheeler discussed the youth education priority set by the committee. P. Sarnoff outlined the basis and planning of the program, Bike Utah is funding the program with help from several organizations. The core of the program will offer education in safety and riding, health benefits, expanding bicycling and walking as transportation and community and facility design for AT. Bike Utah has reached out to schools and health organizations across several counties and departments within these counties that would be interested in participation. Research indicates that efforts to involve individual schools might be best directed at afterschool programs, the PTA and other groups within any given school that would have an interest in the program. Title 1 schools are more likely to be interested in this type of program than private schools and charter.

6:20- Active Transportation FTE update: AJ outlined the beginning of the committee's pursuit of a stronger AT program and the need for a full-time position or even a staff of people to direct an ATIP program. The proposal is that the County Mayor will be asked to analyze two options for an ATIP office and make a decision to appoint who he decides will execute the office best.

D. Itlis suggested a Bicycle Operations office that would specifically address bikes instead of an overall Active Transportation office and positions.

AJ made a motion that the committee send a proposal to the County Mayor that he create one or more FTE positions to create an office devoted to Active Transportation based on the framework presented in the meeting handout.

AJ moved to retract his motion. He made a new motion to send a reworked framework to the County mayor within a week. B. Wheeler seconded the motion, the committee approved the motion.

6:45- AJ stated that the planning for the Pro Walk/Pro Bike/Pro Place Conference is completed and he had his tickets, registration and hotel booking confirmed.

Motion to accept the prior meeting minutes made by A. Searle, seconded by AJ martine, minutes approved unanimously.

Communications update: I. Scharine announced that the website contacts list was outdated and needed to be corrected for the contacts listed.

B. Byrne asked if committee members would be interested in going to the Utah Bike Awards ceremony on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Five people expressed interest and AJ made a motion that the committee fund admission for the event, I. Scharine seconded the motion and the committee passed it unanimously.

6:55- P. Sarnoff mentioned the possibility of a program focused on senior citizens that would provide them with bike rides. His hope is to initiate a charter program to purchase a rickshaw for this purpose and would seek funding help from the committee if the project moves forward.

7pm- Meeting adjourned.

Note: M. Gregory asked to be excused from the September meeting for travel purposes.