

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2014

Attending: J. Herbert, T. Jackson, P. Mair, J. Staley, S. Malone, N. Evans, I. Scharine, G. Deneris, M. Hillyard

Absent: L. Melini, A. Searle, D. Ward and AJ Martine (Emigration meeting), K. Jones

5:43pm- Meeting begins, introductions and public comment session.

John Knoblock (Mountain Accord Cycling Group) discussed an issue of road damage in Millcreek Canyon that he had brought to the attention of SLCo. He reported that this was a previously noted problem that was identified during a 2012 study. The damage is occurring on the shoulder of the road and causes cyclists to be placed in the path of traffic avoiding the road damage. Cyclists also must avoid the damage themselves and take a significant portion of the roadway in doing so.

Dave Iltis announced the completion of the Parley's Canyon Trail Study and the beginning of fundraising to complete a trail up the canyon and link it to the existing Rail Trail.

J. Knoblock added that the Mountain Accord Group has also mapped the majority of the Wasatch Front's mountain bike trails for the purpose of public use and analysis by the County.

D. Iltis noted that the completion of State Street did not include lanes or any other infrastructure for bicycles of any sort.

5:53- M. Hillyard gave a Mayor's office update: Ben McAdams has recently designated the formation of a Regional Development Department with a staff to examine the overall aspects of transportation concerning all County projects moving forward. As a part of the office, the County will hire the position of Regional Planner who will be tasked with working with Active Transportation, Parks & Recreation, and all other divisions on County projects. The new department is the result of J. Keele's recommendations following the SLCBAC request that a full-time Active Transportation representative be hired in order to promote alternative transportation infrastructure throughout the County.

6:02- East-West Trails Project update: Max Johnson (Surface Streets and Trails Engineer) provided a summary of how the project to join the Parley's Trail network and the Jordan River Trail network developed. The goal is to create a cross-valley system linking the two trails, currently they are in the process of designating several corridors where the two might be merged efficiently. Public comment has been solicited and there will be more meetings where participation will be urged. Johnson invited members of SLCBAC to attend a Technical Advisory meeting for the project on September 4th, this meeting will otherwise be closed to the public. Website is: <http://www.slcoeastwesttrails.org/>

6:09- P. Sarnoff (Bike Utah) announced the finalists for the 2016 Pro Bike/Pro Walk/Pro Place Conference and Salt Lake City is among the four finalists! The next step is to secure matching funding to host the conference, each city is asked to match up to \$200K as a qualifying gesture of potentially being awarded the event. Sarnoff has already confirmed almost half the amount and is asking SLCBAC for a contribution as well.

Business Meeting

6:18- June Meeting Minutes approval: P. Mair motioned to approve the minutes, S. Malone seconded the motion, the seven attendees along with 1 absentee vote (AJ Martine) approved the minutes unanimously.

Budget Update: J. Herbert passed out the current budget balance update and the remaining amount of approximately \$5000 was discussed. In particular, the request to contribute to the Pro Bike/Pro Walk/Pro Place Conference. AJ Martine had suggested that SLCBAC use the rest of their budget to help fund the conference, but several of the Board members expressed concern with using the rest of the funding with half a year left. Discussion led to the proposal to use half of the remaining funding so that unforeseen financial demands and emergency situations could be addressed.

S. Malone made a motion to commit \$2500 to support the bid for the conference, I. Scharine seconded the motion; the seven present and AJ's absentee vote passed the motion unanimously.

6:30- Website update: I. Scharine outlined the submission of several new documents and information updates to the County's SLCBAC website. Documents to be added include the latest Strategic Plan draft available as a PDF form, and the new Funding Request Form (also PDF) along with a brief requirements description. The listings for the Board members has been updated to show John Herbert as chair and David Ward as Treasurer. Several spelling and grammar errors have also been corrected. Additionally, the subcommittees listing has been replaced by brief descriptions of the subcommittees and their functions. At the bottom of the page, links to the County volunteer form and the email contact bicycle@slco.org links have been placed. The email link will be expanded to reach all of the volunteer members of the Ex. Comm instead of only the communications chair to expand the ability to respond to queries. Finally, the "slider" images on the homepage have been updated to newer pictures of bicycle racks and link to the Survey Monkey site and the volunteer application as well.

6:38- Emigration Canyon Survey update: The committee has four members actively participating in the project with two unable to attend the July meeting due to this reason. J. Herbert, D. Ward, and N. Evans have all attended at least one of the two meeting held to present. AJ Martine is acting as moderator at the meetings and cannot render opinions pertaining to the issues discussed. The first meeting consisted of a tour of the canyon and overviews of some of the broader issues facing the group as they move forward. The second meeting had the group divide into subcommittees to take on specialized challenges and issues as participants saw fit to address. The committee asked to see if future meeting can be scheduled on dates that do not coincide with SLCBAC meeting since two of the meetings have created such a conflict to this point.

6:46- Strategic Plan update: J. Herbert described how his group is working to refine the plan focusing on the four primary goals of the plan as well as the priorities of the County concerning Active Transportation. The Survey Monkey site has had nearly 100 hits and the information solicited will also be taken into consideration in the overall aspects of the plan and applications. John Herbert recently met with County Mayor Ben McAdams to introduce himself as new chair and establish some familiarity with the Mayor's cabinet of advisors. During the meeting the County Mayor was presented with a SLCBAC Blackbottoms jersey (photo stock for the website?).

Recruiting: with the committee short five members and having no active vice-chair, it has been decided that filling out the remaining Board positions should be one of the top priorities of the

committee. Sheryl Ivey and the County have given SLCBAC the green light to encourage members of the community to apply in any manner that makes sense and adheres to County guidelines. The Ex. Comm will discuss recruitment strategies at the next meeting and agencies such as Cycling Utah, the Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News and other media outlets will be considered.

Moonlight Ride: J. Herbert suggested a County sponsored bicycle ride similar to the Davis County “Antelope by Moonlight” ride. The committee liked the idea but research is necessary to establish a route and date for the ride, T. Jackson volunteered to look into the details.

7:04- Bike Rack installation: G. Deneris was asked to review the discussion of priorities from last meeting and provide an update to progress. At present the list of prospective locations stands at six and four criteria are being used to review candidate sites: unincorporated communities, biking hubs, geo-diversity centers, and countywide focus. The locations will be discussed further at the Ex. Comm meeting.

D. Iltis noted that the committee needed to see to it that the installation followed the mandated zoning codes and did so in a fashion that the racks would be both installed correctly and in places where use is practicable and encouraged.

7:10- Map Project: P. Mair and G. Deneris addressed the current technical issue of generating a paper map from the data available and the need for a specialist to translate and design such a map from the data on hand. Those specialized in this process are not among the staff of County personnel and one would have to be hired in order to create a paper map. The possibility of getting WFRC to fund the creation of a paper map was discussed as well as seeking out a volunteer to assist with the project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by S. Malone, seconded by N. Evans; meeting ended.

Future dates/events of interest:

August 19, Active Transportation and Health Summit www.rideuta.com

August 23, Active and Public Transportation Awareness Conference

September 4, East-West Trails Committee Technical Advisory Meeting

September 11-14, Pro Bike/Pro Walk/Pro Place Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 20, UTAH CLEAN AIR FAIR 2014 2nd Annual, Library Square