

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2014

*Attending: J. Herbert, D. Ward, S. Malone, T. Jackson, P. Mair, I. Scharine, G. Deneris, J. Keele
Absent: L. Melini (excused), N. Evans (resigned), K. Jones, A. Searle, J. Staley*

5:37- Meeting begins, introductions and public comments:

Reed Topham has been invited to apply for one of the open positions on SLCBAC and was present at the meeting. He introduced himself and gave some background information on his bicycling experience as a competitive Mtn. bike racer and frequent road bike rider as well. J. Keele added his experience with Reed, working for his law firm, and enthusiasm to have him join the committee.

5:46- Mayor's office update: J. Keele announced that the application for the new position, Director of Transportation and Planning, had formally closed and there had been numerous well-qualified applicants. A focus will be placed on Active transportation concerning the final hire. Mayor McAdams has also planned to unite WFRC, UDOT, County Parks & Recreation and several of the other divisions of the County into a master Active Transportation plan. The County is prepared to hire a consulting firm to devise a master plan over 6 months to scope out the future of transportation in Salt Lake County. The end result will likely be an application to the Federal Government for a 'Tiger Grant' which could provide a significant amount of funding for wholesale infrastructure improvements.

Indications are that SLCBAC should be a part of the group overseeing recommendations made by the consulting firm, possibly a position on the steering committee. Keele promised that the Bicycle Advisory Committee would not be excluded from information as the study initiates.

5:56- P. Sarnoff updated progress on the Pro Bike/Pro Walk/ Pro Place Conference, all the applications have been submitted on time and he is enthusiastic about the chances of SLC getting the conference. He also mentioned that he was able to establish at least half the matching funding requirements through initial solicitation as well.

The Active Transportation and Health Summit will be held August 19th at the University of Utah, it features an award that will be presented to Mayor Ben McAdams and attendance of any bike-related organization is encouraged. The Mobile Active Transportation Tour sponsored by Bike Utah has visited two locales so far and will visit the city of Farmington, Utah on August 20th. Members of SLCBAC are invited to join this casual ride through the community and identify and discuss Active Transportation possibilities and potential.

The remainder of a Matching Municipality Grant given to Bike Utah is available for organizations who wish to apply for funding of any projects they see fit. If SLCBAC has any recommendations for using the available funding they should contact Phil or Bike Utah to propose the project.

6:08- East-West Trails Project: G. Deneris reviewed the process to determine the initial route of this County project and advised that the primary focus is now being placed on corridor #3 as it seem to yield the most viable route and workable street network. At the conclusion of this public and internal study the funding exists to complete whichever corridor is designated, however the long term plan of the County's Active Transportation Plan is to establish multiple routes that will

link the Bonneville Shoreline and Parley's Trails with the extensive Jordan River Trail as well as the Backus Highway on the Oquirrh side of the County.

Mayor McAdams will officially announce to the public his overall Regional Development Plan on August 14th in Sandy. This will be a big press event and members of SLCBAC are encouraged to attend if they can. It will also designate immediate upgrades to the city of Sandy as well as improvements to 700 East related to public concern over crossings and road lane size.

Business Meeting (attendance was not sufficient for a quorum)

6:25- July meeting minutes approval: no edits noted, approval will be completed through email voting.

Budget update: D. Ward distributed the latest budget balance sheet and noted new expenditures such as the Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference funding of \$2500, Tour of Utah finish line booth fee of \$375 and the 2014 Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference allocations.

6:35- Website update: I. Scharine gave the status of website updates confirming that the majority of the changes provided to County IS have been made. The only additional changes required will be periodic updates to Board members and maintenance of the advocacy links and contact links which appear to be outdated.

6:39- Emigration Canyon study: AJ Martine discussed the progress made by the group to date, subcommittees have been formed and they address various needs such as communications, resident concerns, recreational use, canyon road conditions, lane striping and municipal maintenance. A significant goal is to ask the power company, gas company, public utilities and other to share a single utility route in order to reduce wear and tear on the roadway and reduce access to a single line instead of multiple utility trenches. Another issue identified was the question of who within the County is responsible for monitoring the work performed by utility companies so it is done correctly and in adherence to safety and quality guidelines?

6:52- J. Herbert discussed the goal of having one or two SLCBAC members sit at the booth during the finishing stage of the Tour of Utah at Snowbird on Saturday August 9th, he asked for another volunteer along with himself.

Recruitment efforts were discussed and John asked the Board to endorse Reed Topham officially so that he might be inducted as part of the committee. All of the committee members in attendance supported his application and membership to SLCBAC. Additionally it was agreed that recruitment efforts need to move quickly with another member stepping down (N. Evans). I. Scharine will send the recruitment announcement to the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News along with any other print publications that might be willing to publish the information and assist in finding replacement members.

AJ Martine announced that a schedule conflict in September means that he cannot attend the 2014 Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference in Pittsburgh and a replacement will have to be found since registration for two committee members has already been paid. J. Herbert asked for additional Board members who might be interested in making the trip. Since no one immediately expressed interest in filling the vacant registration spot, discussion continued to roll over the opening to a County person or a community member with a vested interest in Active Participation. An email vote will be conducted to determine the manner of who will be chosen.

7:11- G. Deneris confirmed that he has gotten references from A. Searle concerning potential locations for a SLCBAC bicycle rack in Magna city. The other racks are still awaiting technical detail before they are installed. SLCo is planning on installing four stand-alone bicycle service stations in key locations around the county, locations could include the Bonneville Shoreline Trail as well as the Jordan River Trail in several locations.

7:14- The Map Project has a new volunteer, Julie Henrey, who thinks that an electronic version of the map as an App is possible but it will take some long-term development. In the meantime plans for a paper version are still on the table and development is still in progress.

7:17- Bylaws changes: needed editing includes the addition of a Treasurer position on the Executive Committee as well as a Budget subcommittee and modification of the number of members required to complete a quorum. Suggested changes are to examine the resignation process to determine if it seems logical and reasonable. D. Ward volunteered to look through the existing Bylaws and draft the modification which will be submitted to the Ex. Comm before being voted on by the committee.

7:22- SLCBAC sponsored ride: T. Jackson looked into possible routes for a group ride and designated one that would tour the south and west portions of the County. A possible date for the ride could be September 20th and it would take most of the early day hours to complete. Plans to invite members of the County as well were discussed.

7:35- Meeting ends: motion to adjourn was made by I. Scharine and supported by D. Ward and P. Mair.

Upcoming Events:

August 19th- Active Transportation and Health Summit

http://wfrc.org/new_wfrc/ActiveTransportationCommittee/ActiveTransportationHealthSummitRegistration2014_R1%20copy.pdf

August 20th- Active Transportation Committee/Mobile Active Transportation Tour (Farmington)