

Minutes of the November 6, 2013 SLCBAC meeting

Attending: AJ Martine, J. Herbert, I. Scharine, T. Jackson, S. Malone, H. Martak, N. Evans, C. Petersen, P. Mair, T. Reidesel, M. Hillyard, W. Becker, J. Keele, D. Ward, G. Deneris
Absent: L. Melini, L. Graham

5:30- Meeting convenes, AJ Martine presiding. Introductions: Terry Wood, spokesperson for the Granite Community Council (unofficial), introduced himself and discussed the group's intentions to engage city organizations and other community groups in an effort to improve roads and bikeways in the south region of the county. He said that road infrastructure for cars and bicycles alike is deteriorating and presents a hazard, particularly on heavily used routes near the canyons.

5:40- Jack Lasley gave the BAP report, Bonneville Cycling Club contributed funding to be used next year for educational and safety outreach. Also training and education efforts for the year have ended and the 20 member Bicycle Ambassador group is considered very successful for the inaugural year. Jack will return next year to the same position, but he has fulfilled his hourly obligation for this year; \$800 of the funding SLCBAC earmarked for BAP is yet to be spent but should be used by the end of December.

(Note: Evelyn Tuddenham from UDOT was scheduled to present a Road Respect budget resolution proposal for 2014, but due to the Utah Transportation Conference was not able to attend the meeting)

5:50- H. Martak gave an update of the Strategic Plan document. The plan is near the end of the draft phase and several of the following documents have been integrated into the plan: SLCo Best Bicycle Practices, UDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Guide, Utah Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Guide. Additionally, a poll conducted among SLCBAC members prior to the November meeting provided information on elements that are seminal to the Strategic Plan by rating levels of importance. A deadline for early December (by the next meeting) for completion of a draft presentable to Mayor McAdams is the target. Discussion of the plan, role it will serve for the committee and public input was discussed. Formation of subcommittees and delegation of projects through this means will be crucial to execution of elements of the Strategic Plan; subcommittees will be composed of both SLCBAC members, county government members and the public at large.

C.Petersen proposed a motion to make the plan available to the public immediately for input in the immediate future. However it was determined that the plan was not prepared to a point where grammatical and logistical information had been edited thoroughly enough to deem it presentable. The motion failed.

H. Martak proposed a motion to finalize the draft before presenting it to the Mayor and public with a target date of early December 2013; the motion was seconded by S. Malone. The motion then was proposed to the board and passed with unanimous approval.

6:25- AJ Martine discussed the need to create a budget committee in order to propose expenditures and approve official motions for funding. D. Ward expressed interest in joining the budget committee when it is formally created, he then excused himself from the meeting early.

6:30- Cameron Diehl from the Utah League of Cities and Towns addressed the committee: he explained his role as a legal representative for his organization on behalf of city and town government. His office focuses primarily on supporting and often resisting state legislation that directly opposes the jurisdiction of city corporations over their own roadways and alternate paths or trails. In 2006 the state legislature passed a measure that stripped cities of their own right to control exactly these roads and byways, this directly affected routes that bicyclists use on areas of private property which is a source of contention in rural areas as well as some urban. When polled, the ULCT discovered that active transportation is consistently among the top concerns of citizens throughout the state.

6:40- P.Mair, G. Deneris and M. Hillyard discussed the generation of a SLCo bicycle map: the County Cooperative Planning Project is moving ahead with what will be a comprehensive map including 30 layers of varying information. There will indeed be a bicycle portion of the map and final design and rendering of the map has been contracted to the University of Utah's digital lab. G. Deneris will try to schedule a presentation from a representative from the lab next meeting where particulars such as multiple features SLCBAC will want to incorporate into the final map can be discussed. Subcommittee formation for the map project will be necessary down the road as the project moves ahead.

7:00- J. Herbert discussed Survey Monkey and how it can be utilized with SLCBAC's website and Facebook page to conduct short polls and help reinforce issues on the Strategic Plan.

7:05- AJ Martine proposed a motion to approve the October minutes, S. Malone seconded. I. Scharine discussed the allocation of funding to hire a web consultant and the result expected from an overhaul. Currently a meeting with county Information Services representative, D. Weigand, is in the works and will determine in the long run if SLCBAC will continue to use county services or move to a site provider such as WordPress.

7:20- G. Deneris gave the BTIP/engineering report: some unforeseen situations concerning road width and engineering discrepancies have necessitated more funding and/or alteration of planned adaptation of roads to accommodate bike paths and striping.

7:25- S. Malone announced his intent to meet with community councils in the south and west area of the valley near his residence and asked for talking points to introduce SLCBAC and advocate volunteers to join.

7:30- J. Herbert motioned to adjourn the meeting, H. Martak seconded.

(Note: C. Petersen announced via email that she would step down at the conclusion of the year and vacate her board position.)