

Salt Lake County Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2014

Attending: J. Herbert, A. Searle, J. Staley, AJ Martine, S. Malone, B. Byrne, R. Topham, P. Mair, K. Sturgeon, B. Wheeler, T. Jackson, K. Jones, I. Scharine

Absent: D. Ward (illness), L. Melini

5:33pm- Meeting begins with introductions and public comment.

Martin Gregory (a prospective committee member) introduced himself and discussed his use of a velomobile which is a recumbent pedaled bicycle hybrid that has an exterior hard shell. He noted that not many people are familiar with the vehicle and he uses it for regular commuting to work at the University of Utah. This bicycle also takes up three times as much space as a conventional bicycle.

5:37- Jen Hawks (guest speaker) gave an overview of the Emigration Canyon Study and its expected legislative influences. First identified is the removal and replacement of signs in construction areas, and also the posting of signs so they do not obstruct either the roadway or the paths used by cyclists. Second is the presence of school buses in the canyons and the need for stop signs on both sides as well as a warning on the back that restricts passing when stopped by any vehicle, including bikes. Buses that travel the canyons may also be outfitted with cameras. Third is the recommendation that bicycles in Class A counties may be required to obtain County registration and I.D. tags. This can help identify victims in accidents and aid statistics that show what types of vehicles are involved in incidents, including traffic violations. Fourth was the need to strengthen laws against crossing double yellow lines in order to pass bicycles, enforcement and fines would be increased.

Barbara Cameron, who participated in the study, said that she hoped this would lead to a future similar study of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. She also passed out a packet that included her impressions of the Emigration Canyon Study.

AJ Martine noted that despite the time and effort put forth by all involved, the results of the study did not obligate SLCo in any manner to invest time or money on the improvements recommended for the canyon. Although a consulting firm has been hired to analyze the study and propose possible improvements to the canyon, it will depend on public pressure to convince the County to take action.

5:55- Prospective Members (alternates):

Bud Tymczyszyn works as a housing manager at the Salt Lake Road Home and he rides his bicycle daily for commuting purposes. He applied for the committee in order to forge more connections with the cycling community and demonstrate the convenience of bicycle transportation to the homeless populations he works with.

Martin Gregory (velomobiler) introduced himself previously, and hopes to help improve bicycling and Active Transportation in Salt Lake County.

Marcus Kaller is a GIS consultant for a local firm and transitioned from vehicular travel to bicycles as a means to conduct his surveying. He also rides to work regularly and would like to contribute to the Active Transportation network developments taking place throughout the County.

6:00- Mayor's Office Update: J. Keele thanked the committee for its efforts and noted that its work in the past years has resulted in the development of Active Transportation in the County as

well as reflects its role in the Mayor's Master Plan. This plan is the core of future planning and funding focus through the end of Mayor McAdam's term and the next steps will be selection of a consulting firm as well as participation of a steering committee to guide which projects receive priority status.

Wilf Summerkorn stressed the need for the County to get individual cities involved and to develop their own long-term transportation and Active Transportation networks as part of the overall plan.

M. Hillyard commented that the ongoing GIS project seemed to complement the SLCBAC map project and that the potential to use it to chart County progress and construction as well as serve as an Active Transportation resource was one that could benefit everyone.

G. Deneris confirmed that the Beta version of the map would soon be released for public comment. This resource will be assigned to the office of Regional Development for future development.

J. Herbert thanked the Mayor's office for their recognition and information, and their efficient approval of the Bylaw changes. He also asked the Mayor's office for help in bringing the different County departments to SLCBAC meetings in order to facilitate an open exchange of input and information as the Master Plan proceeds.

J. Keele described the consultant's role in the County Master Plan and the importance of identifying the correct infrastructure to develop and implement in regions of the County. This will depend not only on the consultant's input, but public opinion as well as use of existing resources.

Business Meeting

6:20- October minutes: P. Mair made the motion to approve last month's minutes, AJ Martine seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

6:21- Website update: I. Scharine confirmed that changes to the Board listings on the website had been made as discussed last meeting. The committee discussed the Bylaws and Strategic Plan on the website and if the most recent versions were current. It is also practical to replace some of the links and add new ones, such as the East-West Corridor Study site link and the Emigration Canyon Study. Ian will inquire with County IS about the possibility of these changes. Also, the email link (bicycle@slco.org) will be linked to all four of the Ex. Comm members as soon as changes can be made.

6:25- K. Sturgeon attended the latest East-West Corridor public meeting and commented that attendance was very poor for this event. Members of the County discussed the efforts to get more public participation and the fact that the time investment to do so was very serious. J. Herbert and several other SLCBAC members agreed that the committee ought to be in direct discussion with Parks and Rec to assist in planning this initiative. This included the suggestion that the organizations driving the project should come to future SLCBAC meetings as a means to seek out the advice of the committee.

6:41- Summit Planning: AJ Martine said that he had given the possibility of another bicycle summit more thought and that he concluded that it would make sense to determine what the Mayor's office would expect from a summit. He then asked for comments from the summit committee.

D. Iltis saw the opportunity to hold more of a retreat and brainstorming session among the committee and its constituents.

B. Wheeler thought that a summit needed to maintain a narrow scope of focus on certain issues but objectify an overall scheme (such as the Strategic Plan).

K. Jones saw the summit as a chemistry development activity if it were either a retreat or summit.

D. Jones thought that more planning was needed before the committee spent a significant amount of money to hold a big summit.

J. Herbert asked if the summit could once again be focused around the Strategic Plan and improvements and/or refinements to aspects of it. The committee discussed whether the plan could function as a compliment to the Mayor's overall Master Plan, J. Keele confirmed that as a practical and useful possibility. All in attendance agreed that a big event might be better executed in 2015 instead of December, but that at least an informal brainstorming session during the regular meeting next month could still yield productive results.

7:06- Chair Updates: J. Herbert discussed a media event that featured the BAP in which they publicized free bike lights for the public. KSL carried the story and posted the BAP email. David Jones, BAP administrator, provided details of event in partnership with SLC and Bike Utah. The result was more than 1,000 requests for the lights. The County intends to leverage this sudden publicity with a follow-up survey with SLCBAC's assistance. Discussion of whether SLCBAC could help the County fund some of the lights as well as brand them with the logo lead to the realization that such a process would be costly and take too much time. With the summit postponed until next year, it made sense that the committee would be able to return the \$1700 allocated to help fund bicycle lights for the County and receive recognition for its support.

7:14- AJ Martine made a motion to return the \$1700 that will not be used for the summit to the County with the provision that SLCBAC cards with information be handed out with the lights given to the public. B. Wheeler seconded the motion and it was passed by the committee unanimously with no abstentions.

7:20- Upcoming Legislation: How does the committee follow and potentially support legislation in the upcoming session that will affect bicyclists? J. Keele stated that SLCBAC could actually help draft legislation and propose it through the County Mayor's office, but that at this time in the year much of the legislation proposed for the 2015 session was already well on its way to development and sponsorship. It is more likely that the committee will be able to track certain proposals and lend their endorsement. AJ Martine and B. Wheeler volunteered to pay attention during the legislative session beginning in January, and report back to the committee. The Mayor's office will help as well.

7:30- Map Update: P. Mair confirmed that M. Hillyard and W. Summerkorn were willing to assist in the development of the County wide map project and they will do their best to endorse the project as well as involve it directly with the ongoing GIS project.

7:35- S. Malone made the motion to adjourn the meeting, I. Scharine seconded the motion and the meeting concluded.