

MINUTES OF THE Salt Lake City MBAC MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2008

5:05 p.m. The meeting opened with introductions Present were Jessy Poole, Michael Handley, Jon Springmeyer, Dan Fazzini, Marcy De Million (National Park Service), Carol Potter (Mountain Trails Foundation, Park City), Dan Bergenthal, Dave Iltis, and Polly Hart.

Transportation Report- Dan Bergenthal

There is a new area being created in the office for three employees: the bike/ped coordinator, GIS mapper, and a new position that will oversee all of the trail system, etc... Dan is currently the bike/ped person, but he is applying for the third job, which will manage his current position. He will know in a week if he gets the new position. The city has just purchased twenty-five red "bike sculpture" bike racks for downtown and Sugar House. They have also purchased five more mobile event racks, for a total of ten (which will park 100 bikes). We are now looking at the second week of September for the Sharrows on 200 South between Main and State Streets. They will be a bright true green color, and the paint has a three year life span. They are also looking to the very west side of the city to add bike lanes that will meet the masterplan. Dave Iltis asked what happened to our request for more money for the sign shop. Dan replied that nothing has happened. Dave inquired what is happened with the inadequate bike parking at the 600 East/400 South strip mall with Whole Foods. Dan replied that they are indeed short on their requirement for bike parking. Their business license will not be renewed until they add the appropriate number of spots. The same will happen at the Gateway, since they have added new buildings and parking since last year. Dave Iltis inquired about what was being done to reduce the goathead thorns on the Jordan River Trail. Dan replied that he has spoken to the parks department several times. Dan Fazzini stated that the county is spraying the plants.

Wasatch Loop Trail- Carol Potter

Carol explained that the Rails to Trails group had called her at Mountain Trails about a year ago to join the Wasatch Loop Trail Coalition. The coalition includes local, state and federal agencies and private non-profits. She explained that next year Congress will give out \$50,000,000 to forty communities for trails. The coalition will apply for a grant, but they will move forward with or without a grant. She explained that the trail covers seven counties from Weber to Utah, and 60% is already completed. A discussion then ensued about how to get money and political help. Dave Iltis make a motion that the MBAC join the Wasatch Loop Trails coalition. Jon Springmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Office Update- David Everitt was out of town, so no update was given.

UTA- Pat Dierks was not present, so no update was given.

Police Liaison- Lisa Pascadlo

Email Update: My update includes that I've met with the Justice Court and they are very supportive of the Bike Traffic School option. However, I need to have it approved through the City Prosecutor's Office, which is something I am working on. I guess the option for fine reduction is actually part of a plea in abeyance, or a plea bargain, thus it has to go through them. We also discussed adding a surcharge to the fine which could then be directed toward bicycle education; however, the bail structure is apparently set by the Legislature, so that would be something for next year.

In talking with UHP Sgt. Ted Tingey regarding using Highway Safety Funding for education and enforcement, unfortunately the grant season runs from Oct to Oct, so I'm hitting it at the very end. They are checking with their grant folks as well as the Dept. Of Health to see what's available. Both entities were very excited about perhaps producing a video, doing billboards, etc. If not this year, for sure next as I can now actually request a bunch o' green toward that end. I was hoping to at least get an enforcement campaign in this month, but we'll see what the cost is and whether or not there is money. I don't think doing one in the off-season is going to be as effective, do you?

On a personal note, I've found that using the tact of 'If you wouldn't do it in your car, don't do it on a bike' roadside discussion with violators in the past month has been received well. I think it has some of the cyclists thinking pretty hard about the risks they are taking. MOST of the accidents I've investigated involving bicyclists and cars in the last month have been caused by the cyclist. Biggest issues have been red light and stop sign violations, as well as no visible light or reflector at night.

Working with the Bicycle and Motor Squad to address complaints forwarded by Bergenthal. (speeding in City Creek and downtown sidewalk violations).

(6:00 Mark Kennedy and Steve Wasmund arrived)

Update from TAB- Jon Springmeyer

They had a discussion at their last meeting about 1300 East and the fact that no bike lanes exist or are proposed. It is also unlikely to happen partly because of the narrowness of the road and also because 1500 East, 1100 East, and 900 East are all viable alternatives. Also, Tim Harpst spoke to TAB about his desire to create an Alternative Transportation Department within the Transportation Division. Stay tuned to see what happens.

New Business- Jessy Poole

Jessy had a concept for artistic bike racks that would hold about eight bikes. He lives downtown and has noticed a shortage of parking particularly at events. He brought a drawing and small scale model to the meeting of a rack that would be made out of tubing and would echo a tree trunk. Vertical tubes would have staggered hooks could hang up to eight bikes by their wheels. The committee directed him to contact Dan Bergenthal to inquire about feasibility of construction, cost, and city code requirements.

Old Business- Mark Kennedy

Mark stated that the Bike Study Group for the Salt Lake Central Station (formerly called the "Intermodal Hub") has chosen BikeStation for the feasibility study. That is all he can tell us at this time. Dave Iltis asked if the Study Group had any discussion about a bike rental system like Paris. Jon Springmeyer answered that SLC Transportation is talking about options for this and also for renting "zip cars." Steve added that the Velodrome is still looking at Ogden, and Mayor Godfrey says he has \$3,000,000, but won't divulge the source of funding. Mark stated that SLC walso would like to have the Velodrome and is looking at the State Fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.