

Minutes to MBAC meeting Feb. 2007

1. Vance Hansen of Stanley Consultants presented a plan for a bike path (as part of the PRATT plan) through Sugarhouse Park. Plan A called for a 12 foot bike trail along the south fence, along 13<sup>th</sup> east and the join to the Sugarhouse commons via a tunnel under 13<sup>th</sup> east. Plan B called for a trail through the trees near the stream east and north of the basketball courts joining with the current road. Cyclists would then proceed around the park and exit via another trail south of the Sizzler restaurant to the tunnel mentioned above. If you have any comments, contact Vance at [hansonvance@stanleygroup.com](mailto:hansonvance@stanleygroup.com). Neither plan has major advantages over the other but it would be important that we participate. Questions at the meeting focused on conflicts with runners and the removal of trees on route A. I sent an e-mail to Vance questioning a conflict with dogs on Route B through the trees. There was no stance taken by the MBAC at this time. Individuals should send their comments to Vance.

2. Mayor Anderson was present at the meeting. Without a lot of detail, he requested that the MBAC become a formal advisory board within the standards of other boards within the city. The current format is unacceptable and will no longer be affiliated with the Mayor's office. The Mayor's office also passed out a document entitled "Answers to the most frequently asked questions". Dan Mayhew, Mark Smedley, and Dave Iltis spoke eloquently in response by detailing the history and accomplishments of the MBAC (Dan), the limitations placed on the committee to be "creative" when the bicycle master plan evolved (Mark), and the work involved in creating a helmet ordinance that would gain community support for the city (Dave). Dan Fazzini, Polly Hart, and Malcolm Campbell also spoke on behalf of the MBAC. As chair of the committee, Lou Melini also spoke of the work to create a good helmet ordinance, a need for all variations of bike routes including separated bike lanes, but he also spoke on how the helmet ordinance issue could have been handled better, with perhaps less emotion, had there been a formal voting board that is structured via by-laws. **THE MBAC IS PRESENTLY NO LONGER A MAYOR'S COMMITTEE!** Lou will be restructuring the committee with the present "members" retained within the structure that the city has designed for volunteer boards. A set of bylaws will be designed. A voting board will need to first be elected that will review, discuss and edit the bylaws followed by a vote of acceptance. Details to follow.

3. Jonathan Morrison was nominated and approved to go to Washington D.C. to the league of American bicyclists annual convention. \$650 was voted and approved for expenses. Jonathan will be receiving a matching grant from the state. A report will be filed with the MBAC (?) upon return.

4. The amended helmet ordinance written by Lou Melini and Dave Iltis was given to Jordan Gates to present to the Mayor. The changes were read in detail with explanations for such changes. Approval for the amended helmet ordinance was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

5. Due to time constraints (see #2) there was no other discussion or action taken on other agenda items. Chair note: an e-mail will be sent soon with updates on the status of the MBAC and necessary items of interest for discussion will be sent.

Sincerely  
Lou Melini, chair.