

Minutes for the June MBAC meeting 2007

Announcements:

Bicycle Polo: Tuesdays at Liberty Park 7 PM bring bike, gloves and helmet; contact Scott Brown at 801-870-9292 or Sbrown@redrocks.com for more information.

Wanted: Applicants to be on the executive board for the MBAC; in interested contact the chair Lou Melini Melini@xmission.com or Lou@cyclingatutah.com. See below #8

1. Congratulations to Shaina Miron of UTA for an excellent bike week. Looking forward to next year.
2. Introductions: there were 11 people in attendance.
3. Sgt. Lewis of the Salt Lake Police was in attendance. He was glad to report that there were not many accidents in the past several months. The cause of accidents in minors was primarily the fault of the cyclist, not stopping and looking when entering a street. For adults the cause was primarily cars turning right across the pathway of a bike, or an improper left hand turn. Overall he admitted that there is little enforcement for bicycle infractions such as running a red light or stop sign, though these are the 2 most commonly cited infractions. His most frequent complaint from non-cycling citizens is not riding in a single file, including Emigration canyon, which is not in the SLC district. Also along 15th east and City Creek Canyon are areas of complaints about cyclists.
The members present requested that the SLC bike patrol become more active with bike week next year, "bike with a cop" ride for kids.
In addition it was requested that the bicycle police, when possible, to ride on the street to set an example, rather than only on sidewalks.
It was also requested that like patrol cars, that interested cyclists get a chance to ride along with the bike patrol.
Sgt Lewis will pass on these requests to the bicycle police patrol.
4. Jonathan Morrison was unable to make his presentation of the bike summit in Wash. D.C. as he was out of town. He would like to see more members of the cycling community attend the national bike summit.
5. Shaina was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Bike Station at the transit hub. Jordan noted that a special request was made for the remaining \$17,500 for the feasibility study.
6. Jonathan Springmeyer was unanimously approved as the new MBAC representative on the city transportation board. His name will be submitted for approval by the city council.
7. The questions for the mayoral candidates were discussed and changes were suggested. Lou will make the changes submit them for approval and then send them to the candidates.

8. A discussion was held regarding the future of the advisory committee. As more information is obtained, a better decision can be made. Jordan stated that the city is leaning for us to be an official volunteer advisory board with the city. There are not as many “cons” as once thought. For example, we can write into our bylaws that members of the MBAC can be members of other city boards as well as other issues to govern the MBAC. It was unanimously approved by the members present that the MBAC form an executive board. Jordan has drawn up papers for the MBAC to become a city advisory board, though the city council and administration still has to approve. The members present will have Jordan submit the papers asking for a 9 member executive board with no more than 4 members from outside the city. Details will follow.

There was discussion regarding the bank account of the MBAC. If we become an official city volunteer board then we may need to apply for expenditure of the funds. There were some concerns expressed. Dan Mayhew felt this would be workable and that the MBAC will approve the duties of a volunteer advisory board in a professional manner. Lou Melini felt that the first duty of the executive board is to draw up a budget and plan for the bank account.

The name of the committee was not addressed. However at this time we will go back to using the name Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Committee instead of changing our name.

The bicycle helmet ordinance has been tabled by the city council as they are in the process of doing the budget.