

Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes- May 2007

1. Introductions- 16 people in attendance

2. Lou presented the Mayor's "To Do List" printed in Catalyst Magazine. He presented ways to assist the Mayor in the goals. A. team up with Buy Local with regards to the bike racks. B. Segregated bike ways around elementary schools. C. close off 4th west during the farmers market.

3. Shaina from UTA presented bike week. Should be a good show. Packet stuffing for the Salt Lake Century will occur on May 16th at 5 PM at the Gallivan Center Stage.

4. Shaina presented the planning for the proposed bike station at the transit hub. She made a request for \$10,000 from the Advisory Committee to be part of the \$70,000 needed for a feasibility study. The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing this request. The bike station will hopefully be operationally by 2008 in the best case scenario.

- A. It was noted that the current funds are finite as we have no incoming revenue. Lou noted that the bike station is something we should support and that there is no budget committee to discuss what the money is earmarked for. The funds in our account have been sitting there for a long time. It is time for the advisory committee to use the funds to push a project forward.
- B. Dan Fazzini wanted a detailed breakdown of how the money was going to be used. The feasibility study seemed expensive.
- C. The committee discussed what would happen with the funds if we became an official city committee. At this time we do not know, but our plan could be to donate the money to the bike collective.
- D. Dave Iltis requested that we only earmark \$2,500 at this time and UTA should use that to leverage more money from somewhere else. Polly Hart felt that the RDA could help more with the funding. Malcolm Campbell felt that we should make a stronger showing of support by giving \$5,000. A motion was made and a vote of 12-7 (3 voted for both \$2,500 and \$5,000) was recorded to give \$2,500 to UTA for the feasibility study. UTA will come to the next meeting for a more formal presentation, and progress on receiving the matching funds.

5. Dan Bergenthal discussed transportation. Badly damaged sections of the concrete section of the frontage road west of 7200 West will be covered/patched with asphalt. The current work on the frontage road will hopefully be completed by the end of June. He reassured the group that future projects on the frontage road will be different so as to not interfere with cycling in the future.

The Parley's trail is still moving along. A bridge across I-215 should be in place soon. Laura Howat questioned the amount of money for the bridge crossing as there are some alternatives. Her concerns were addressed. Beck Street is progressing. Phase 1 which includes bike lanes between the intersections of 600 North/300 West and Beck Street/Chicago St. is scheduled for completion in early June.

6. Jordan Gates discussed helmets. The ordinance is with the city council. Lou asked why the comparative language clause was changed from what we suggested. Dan and Jordan said it was changed to reflect the city's seatbelt language for comparative negligence. Further input can be made with your city councilperson. Jordan also stated that issues with garbage cans in the bike lane should be sent to him. In the past warnings have been posted on the cans and in some cases no pick up was made for violations of placement of cans in the bike lanes.

Salt Lake City received a Bronze award from the League of American Bicyclists. There will be acknowledgement of the award to-be-announced ceremony.

7. Denial of bicycles in drive-through businesses was tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

8. Jonathan discussed his trip to the national bike summit. He noted that while we wrestled with funding to send one person, other states sent up to 12 people. He made a lot of contacts that could help us with funding of projects. Due to time constraints he will give a longer presentation at a future meeting.

9. Lou stated that a list of questions (approx. 6) will be asked of the incoming mayoral candidates within the next 4-6 weeks. If anyone has a question for the candidates contact Lou.

10. Mark Smedley will be leaving as the bicycle representative to the city Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) committee. He is asking for a replacement. The TAB meets on the 1st Monday of each month. It is important that bicycling is represented on that committee.

11. Next meeting will have a representative from the city police department discussing bicycle statistics (accidents and other encounters with cars) how can we change the environment for cycling through the police department.