

October 2008 Minutes

Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

5:00 pm, Cannon Room, Salt Lake City/City Building

October 8, 2008

Amendment to September minutes: County Councilman Mark Crockett is looking to put more bike transit in the county along with some money.

1. Mayor's office report: It was noted by Dave Everitt that either he, Matt Lyon or Holly Hilton will be representing the Mayor's office at the MBAC meetings.
 - a. Matt explained how the police acquire bicycles for the quarterly auction. He is unsure how much revenue this actually brings in. He will look into this further to check the legality of donating the bikes to a specific charity such as the bike collective.
 - b. Mayor Becker has been meeting with Mayor Carroon of Salt Lake County and Governor Huntsman regarding reducing greenhouse gases including an Air Quality Initiative to reduce miles driven. A press conference will occur on Oct. 22nd. (Dan Bergenthal noted that Mayor Carroon personally called him regarding the city's bike master plan)
 - c. Hopefully there will be funds to complete the Legacy Highway trail.
 - d. Matt noted that the city is proceeding on a tunnel under 13th East from Sugarhouse Park to the business district.
 - e. Another hopeful project is a connecting Bonneville Shoreline Trail from Davis County
2. Wasatch Front Regional Council (Jory) reported meeting with all cities along Wasatch Front to initiate and implement connecting bike infrastructure (trails and bike lanes). Politics, money, traffic planners and engineers, etc. all affect bike planning according to Jory.
3. Reminder that the Mayor's meeting to discuss benefits and barriers to biking is Oct. 9th and the UDOT open house is Oct 13th. (both of these dates have passed as of the writing of these minutes. contact me or Dave Iltis for details of the meetings if you missed them.)
4. Transportation report: Dan Bergenthal reported that there are 22 applications for his old position (though now not requiring an engineering degree).
 - a. The new lane sharing marking on 2nd South has been working out well. There was a concern that it is "slick". Michael Wise stated that he rode the lane multiple times in the recent rain and was unable to create any instability or sliding while riding on the lane sharing stripe.
 - b. Speed limits will be soon(?) lowered to 25 in the downtown business district. (now 30).

- c. Bike lanes on main street postponed to 2009 in order to coordinate with South Salt Lake. Dan has found about 16 miles of roads that could be immediately striped (weather permitting) with bike lanes.
 - d. The 20 new bike racks have arrived, placement to be determined.
 - e. The Gateway shopping center has finally installed their required bike racks after years of delay, though it was noted that more are needed for the demand. At www.slctrans.com there is a map showing the locations of downtown city bike racks.
 - f. Goathead thorns on the Jordan River Parkway are sprayed 2-3 times a year, but the city doesn't have the manpower to dig up the plants manually.
 - g. Progress is being made to complete the legacy parkway bike trail (\$250,000 of the \$1.3 Million has been set aside for completion)
5. Sugarhouse Park: Lou Melini brought up the issue of the bike lane in Sugarhouse Park needs some changes. The bike lane needs improved marking as it is being used by walkers and people pushing strollers. The bike lane is also narrow, barely wide enough for 2 bikes. The adjacent pedestrian lane appears twice as wide. Officer Lisa Pascadlo noted that the downhill section on the east side is hazardous due to vehicles turning left and suggested the bike lane be on the right side of the road. Lou noted that this would create a new problem on the north side of the park. Perhaps removing the bike lane on the eastside downhill section and putting a shared lane marker for this section of the park would alleviate Officer Lisa's concern. Dave Iltis tabled further discussion to the next meeting.
 6. City Councilman Luke Garrott: Would like to see a "bike summit" with the MBAC, City Council and City Transportation Division to prioritize bicycle needs within the city. Topics to include but not limited to education, enforcement, infrastructure and ordinances in order to make Salt Lake City, especially the downtown, attractive to bicycling. He is looking at early 2009 or as late as bike week in May for this to happen.
 7. Mark Kennedy reported on the bike station at the Intermodal hub. The company Bike Station has been contracted to do the feasibility study. The open house was held on 10-7-08. The primary issue is placement of the bike station in the intermodal hub next to the waiting room (a quicker solution) or in the building north of the current intermodal hub (more room but a longer implementation) there needs to be a second person from the MBAC to represent cyclists on the planning committee. Most on the committee are not cyclists.
 8. Dave Iltis reported that he has contacted County Council Members Horiuchi, Jensen, Crockett, Hatch, and Wilson who are all on board and favorable to a county bike master plan. There is still no decision regarding Quality Bicycle Parts coming to SLC or Ogden.

9. Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Jon Springmeyer:
 - a. 13th East study- bike lanes on 13th East from 13th South to 6th South
13th South to 17th South recommend moving parking to accommodate center turn lane and traffic flow, however it was noted that some homes along street do not have driveways. There will be an open house on October 30th at 6:30 pm at the Uintah Elementary School regarding 13th East.

10. Officer Lisa Pascadlo: Just returned from vacation. She is working on many projects favorable to cyclists, including upgrading the standards for bike/car accidents. More to come.

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