

Minutes
Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee
November 15, 2011

Present: Henry Campeaux, Jack Plunk, Mayor Smith

Henry called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Jack passed out copies of the JBAC minutes from 9/20/11.

Henry and Jack asked about the Sharrow project since neither had seen any new sharrows in the last several weeks and Mayor Smith agreed to check on this and urge the Street Dept. to move ahead.

Mayor Smith also reported that the Share the Road sign sets were in and he would be urging the Street Dept. to get those installed as well.

Jack passed around a new Sharrow diagram he found which illustrated a smaller Sharrow just like the template that we have designed. Which he thinks confirms we are on the right track with our efforts.

Henry noticed and Mayor Smith confirmed that the PARD has received an AL Tourism Grant to add some signs at the Depot and print some brochures promoting tourism to the historic Depot, the Chief and J'ville.

Henry noted that we have a good Draft of bicycle info for the JSU freshman. Jack mentioned that at the last meeting Mike had suggested the we seek a business sponsor to perhaps print 5,000 or enough for all of the JSU students. And there was some discussion about re-arranging the info into a tri-fold brochure.

Henry mentioned Mr. Wilson's request for a few more benches on the northern segment of the Chief and there was some discussion as to the best places. For example; the frog pond or near the over pass abutments near Century Road. We feel this is best left to PARD to decide the best place or if there is enough room on the shoulder.

Henry and Jack mentioned that we may be only a step away from becoming eligible to be a LAB designated bicycle friendly community. Jack provided the Mayor with a Draft Complete Streets ordinance to consider and would be looking into the potential benefits of the LAB recognition. The Mayor suggested that we brief the Council on the LAB designation and suggested January 12, 2012 as a date to do that.

The Mayor asked about the status of the TE funded re-surfacing of the Piedmont and County segments of the Chief Ladiga Trail. Jack said that he thought the project has been delayed because of the Federal recission of TE money but it should be one of the first one's to move ahead when the TE funds are authorized. He promised to check with the ALDoT.

Mayor Smith asked about the Safe Routes to School program and its potential to fund a sidewalk along G. Douthit. There was some discussion about the competitive nature of the SRtS program and its 'cumbersome' application process and that federal design standards may drive up the cost. Jack mentioned that Walmart in Fairhope had recently

agreed to build a sidewalk segment and it was thought that if Walmart contributed some, maybe the City could do it if Commissioner Abbott could assist with funding too.

Henry mentioned the next meeting date is January 17, 2012.

With no other business the committee adjourned.