

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

11/16/10

Jacksonville Community Center

Present: Henry Campeaux, Mike Poe, Jack Plunk

Henry called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Jack passed out copies of the minutes from all previous meetings for review. Mike suggested that he send all minutes out by email for review and approval at the next meeting.

Henry mentioned that the 'bike' parking racks has been installed at the Sq. and the Library. Feedback has been positive and there was a discussion about their security. Jack thinks they will be ok since both the Sq. and Library are lighted at night and vehicles pass by frequently. Mike mentioned that he needs to re-contact Commissioner Abbot regarding his \$700 contribution to help the City offset its costs for these bike racks.

Henry reminded us the David Jennings from the J'ville News had called. Jack had talked with him briefly but nothing had been published in the paper as of yet.

Henry mentioned that the Henry Farm Mt. bike trails had been opened on Oct. 30th and the directions to/from the Chief and the mt. bike trails had been painted.

Jack mentioned the Sharrows and Mike said that NEABA member Matt Johnson had been contacted and thinks that he can produce stencils of the Sharrow at the size we preferred for our application which was 3' x 2'. It looks like Matt will donate these and we can provide to the City to apply on Church St. and other specific streets to be determined later.

Next there was a discussion of the Share the Road (StR) signs and specifically where the first 10 for Phase 1 would go. Jack referred to the minutes of 9/21/10 in which the committee agreed that; 4 on Mt. Street (2 East, 2 West), 2 on Fornet, 2 on Church and 2 for Whites Gap Road. Mike also mentioned that Commissioner Abbott had agreed to buy 10 StR sign sets and he would talk to him about this as well.

A long discussion followed on the desired striping and pavement profile for the Mt. Street NW resurfacing project. Finally, it was agreed that Jack would contact the engineer regarding the final striping and pavement profile.

Jack mentioned that JSU had offered to include CLT maps in its freshman orientation information and wanted 2000 copies. Although this opportunity has passed for the 2010 Fall semester we should do this and include simple one page summary of how to use your bicycle for safe trips around J'ville. For example, its ok to ride in the lane, you can take your bicycle on the J'ville

Express buses, be visible, use hand signals, etc. This could be part of our 'encouragement and education efforts'. Everyone agreed we should prepare to do this for the 2011 Fall semester.

Mike mentioned that maybe we should see if we could develop a web page on the Bicycle Advisory Committee and our plans for the City's online site and we should develop a mission statement as well. Henry agreed to check with the City regarding this.

Mike also mentioned his desire to develop some type of event to encourage ridership and promote utilitarian bicycle trips in the community, rather than strictly recreational. All agreed this would be good but that AL 21 and its auto traffic are problematic.

Finally, Henry mentioned that the City is finally working on constructing a bicycle/ped connection between 11th Street and the Chief. This will provide a new neighborhood access point to the Chief and allow increased bicycle/ped access without having to use AL 204 or AL 21.

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for January 18th, 2011.