

## Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

January 17, 2012

Present: Henry Campeaux, Jack Plunk, Mayor Smith, Ron Wilson, Mike Poe

Chairman Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Jack passed out copies of the Minutes from the meeting held Nov. 15, 2011.

Henry asked the Mayor why the rest of the Sharrows have not been painted in and the Mayor agreed to inquire to the Street Dept. about the delay.

Henry remarked that all of the 10 Share the Road sign sets had been placed and that they look good. Mike agreed saying that he had seen them as well.

Jack has revised the draft Campus/Community Bicycling guide into a brochure form and passed out draft copies. Mike clarified that the brochure would be courtesy of the JBAC not JSU. Mike wanted to know if JSU would print 5000 for distribution and Mayor Smith agreed to call Tim Garner regarding printing.

Ron asked about another bench on the Chief across from the Turtle Pond near Century Road. Henry said he had talked to Ms. Burns, PARD Director and she thought this would be possible and would look into it.

Next Henry mentioned the proposed sidewalk along the south side of George Douthit Rd. Jack suggested that this would be a difficult project to fund with the Safe Routes to School program and suggested that some effort be made to get WalMart, the County and the City to cooperate to build a sidewalk and improve pedestrian and handicapped access to the rear of the store, which would also benefit JHS.

Mike also requested a new crosswalk across G. Douthit near the high school to accommodate both student traffic to school and parents headed to events.

Jack mention the League of American Bicyclists application for Bicycle Friendly Community designation and that it seemed like a lot of trouble for a 20 page application and little benefit other than a couple of signs and recognition from the LAB. Mike wanted to pursue this.

Henry and Jack mentioned that they were scheduled to brief the Council at the meeting scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will provide a brief summary of accomplishments and future projects and mention the LAB application if it looks possible. Jack agreed to relook at the application and coordinate with Henry before the Council meeting.

Henry asked about the resurfacing of the Piedmont/County section of the Chief and Jack reported that Mr. Tommy Allison will also be retiring after this project but that the City of Piedmont had asked ALDoT for permission to use Mark Welch, a County Engineer, to perform on-site construction Engineering and Inspection. As soon as ALDoT concurs with the on-site E & I question and the weather permits this project will go ahead.

There was a short discussion on the greenway from the Chief to the Square and its route. Mayor Smith mentioned that it would probably be smooth and passable for pedestrians and mountain bicycles for a while before it gets a hard surface.

The Mayor mentioned the possibility of Jacksonville hosting the Alabama Trails Conference and said ADECA had decided the conference would be every other year. Also it would actually be set on JSU and attendants would have seminars and outings to visit the various trails in the area.

The committee briefly discussed the other proposed connections to/from the Chief at: 11<sup>th</sup> St., Greenleaf, Cole, Reynolds and Brierwood Place.

There being not other business the JBAC adjourned until the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, March 20, 2012.