

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting  
Jacksonville Community Center  
3/20/12

Present: Henry Campeaux, Mayor Smith, Councilman Mark Jones, Ron Wilson, Ken Washington, Jack Plunk

Chairman Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and called for the review of the JBAC minutes from the last meeting on Jan. 17, 2012. Jack passed out copies of the minutes for review. No corrections or additions were made to the minutes from 1/17/12.

Henry asked about the status of the Sharrows project and Mayor Smith mentioned he had talked with the Street Dept. and they were about ½ done with the first series of streets. Jack suggested that for a Phase 2 we consider having them closer together maybe every 250 or 300 ft. apart, which would better suit the size of the blocks in the area.

Next Henry asked about the Campus/Community Bicycling brochure. Jack mentioned that he had sent it to the City and Micki had revised it. Mr. Jones said he had talked to JSU about printing and mentioned that their price for printing black/white brochures seemed reasonable but that color brochures are quite expensive. He suggested checking with other printers in the area to compare costs. He also mentioned that JSU was no longer giving JSU Freshman printed orientation information but there were several other places and ways to distribute the brochure; JSU student union, Library, the Depot, PARD, Hampton Inn, JSUPD, JPD and others.

Jack mentioned that the AL Dept. of Education provides bicycle safety comic/coloring books that are tailored to 4<sup>th</sup> grade kids and younger. These are distributed through the Bicycle Safety program that the MPO funds.

Henry then asked about the potential "Bicycle Friendly Community" application to the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). Jack explained that it is a very involved application about 23 pages and involves several items we do not have in place. Among other things, the application wanted to know; who the City's bicycle program coordinator is (we don't have one), the City's pot hole and sweeping policies, what adult safety classes are provided, if law enforcement was a part of the JBAC, what bicycle/ped ordinances the City had, etc. Jack suggested that since there are several key things the City still needs to put in place, that we try to complete this application over the next year.

Mr. Jones suggested that a JPD or JSUPD presence on the trail at late afternoon and dusk would be a good high profile exposure and improve safety. Mr. Wilson agreed and added that there are lots of youngsters and ladies on the trail in the afternoon.

Henry mentioned our Council briefing on Jan. 23, 2011 and mentioned a couple of questions about faster moving bicyclists signaling their intent to pass with a bell or calling out 'passing on the left'. Jack mentioned that this is covered in the brochure and suggested moving forward with its printing and distribution, and maybe the News would do a story when the brochures were ready and we could mention it again.

Someone mentioned that the News had an article on the NEABA group ride on the CLT from Anniston to Georgia and back.

Henry asked about the status of the MPO's 2003 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan update. Jack handed out copies of a recently completed Bicycle Facilities Survey and advance copies of the Draft 2012 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan update. Jack went over the proposed projects with the committee and briefed them on the currently unpredictable nature of funding for bicycle and

pedestrian projects. Jack included a comment form for the members to submit comments on the draft plan and mentioned that the full Bicycle Pedestrian Committee will meet again in early April to review the draft plan. If there are no major changes, we may be able to offer it to the MPO to consider adoption at their meeting scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Henry mentioned the new '3 foot passing rule' adopted by the City of Auburn and suggested that would something that Jacksonville could do as well. Jack added that this was the kind of thing that the LAB is looking for in the Bicycle Friendly Community application.

Henry and the Mayor mentioned that the Alabama Trails Conference will be held in Jacksonville and JSU this year on Oct. 31 through Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mayor mentioned the Pete Conroy had been key in securing this conference and he was a little concerned that its not in the Spring but that the JBAC may be asked to assist with a function or workshop for the conference.

Mr. Wilson suggested that Jville go ahead with some of its own Chief Ladiga t-shirts to promote the City and Trail and had checked on some prices. Ron passed out his notes and costs and suggested a small order at first with some being 100% cotton and some being the dri-wik polyester type. The JBAC thought this was a good idea and realized that we might need to get permission from either the City of Piedmont or the CLT Recreation and Trails Board to use the standard logo. Jack suggested we write a letter requesting permission to use the Chief logo. In the meantime, Ron would be talking to another printer or two and working out more details on the design and costs, but it looks like we could purchase for around \$7-\$9 each depending on the number of colors and sell for \$12-\$15 each.

Mayor Smith mentioned the proposed sidewalk along the south side of G. Douthit Drive and the City had worked up a cost estimate at about \$50k which was a little less than he had thought. He mentioned that the SRtS program was probably not the best funding option and that maybe the City could do it.

Mr. Wilson mentioned that he wasn't sure if the JBAC minutes had be posted on the webpage, but the Mayor and Jack thought they had been. Ron also mentioned that not many people were coming inside the Depot to sign the guest register and suggested a sign.

The next JBAC meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.