

Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 21st, 2013

Present: Jack Plunk, Mike Poe, Lynn Hoffman-Wirtz, Ron Wilson

Guests: Jennifer Young, Susy Spiceland, Mr. Wirtz

Absent: Councilman Mark Jones, Scott Edmiston, Ken Washington, Mayor Smith

Acting Chairman Mike Poe called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and distributed copies of the JBAC minutes from March 19, 2013. Mike asked for a review and any corrections and Ms. Wirtz pointed out several errors to correct. The JBAC minutes from 3/19/13 were adopted with corrections.

There was short discussion on the bicycle lanes that Florida is adding to most roads and highways.

Mike welcomed the new guests and introductions were made. Mike explained his absence from past meetings and that he had been Vice Chairman before Mr. Campeaux resigned, he then asked for a report on the T-shirts. Mr. Wilson explained that t-shirt sales at City Hall, the Depot, the Rec. Center has raised \$336 for the sale of 28 shirts. Ms. Wirtz suggested trying to get some on McClellan perhaps at the McClellan Inn. Ron thinks more could be sold at the Rec. Center if there were some on display and he has talked to Ms. Burns.

Ron mentioned that he still does not have an account for these funds. He had talked with Mayor Smith about depositing in a City or PARD account but some how that was not workable. Mike wondered if we needed a tax id number before we could open our own account. It seems the City would like reimbursement since the t-shirts were funded with City funds. Mike would inquire more about this.

Jack mentioned the customized Sharrow application project and how in retrospect we should have made the stencil a little bolder with thicker lines. He explained that the JBAC had requested that the City reapply the Sharrow to the Phase one streets so that they are 300 to 400 ft apart. Many of those painted last year have begun to fade and could also be repainted. He thought this would complete Phase One and then we would plan Phase Two.

Ms. Spiceland thought an article in the Jville News could help to clarify the purpose of the Sharrows. No one has a contact at the Jville News but Mike thought this would be of interest and suggested that the coverage should be coordinated when the City is actually doing the application or repainting.

Next Jack mentioned the Share the Road sign project and noted that we have already placed 10 signs funded with \$700 from Commissioner Rudy Abbott. He suggested that we find locations for a second set of 10 which Commissioner Abbott has agreed to fund. After referring to the Draft plan of projects the JBSC suggested for StR signs for; Whites Gap Rd., Greenleaf, Alex/Jville Hwy, W. Francis and G. Douthit. Jack will survey the streets for good sites and follow up with Mr. Abbott, perhaps having them in place by the next meeting.

Mike then asked about proposed sites for bicycle parking racks. The JBSC proposed a list of potential sites including; Grub Mart., the new Jacks, Jville High School and _____. Regarding the new Jacks, Chief Thompson said they had been contacted and they responded that they would see what they could do. Mike suggested that he would follow up with the developer of the new Jacks.

Jack then briefed the JBAC on the LAB's 5 'E's approach for bicycle friendly communities and explained the various ways the JBAC was trying to do that. Mike mentioned the LAB Bicycle Friendly Community designation that Auburn has received and expressed hopes the Jville could work toward that. Jack mentioned that several key components are not in place and we will need the Council and Planning Commission to buy-in to the effort and pass some of the suggested model bicycle policies which have been provided to them for consideration. Mike suggested that we meet with our JBAC elected members and go through the list to see if we can make some progress or if anything is a deal breaker.

Ron mentioned that JSU teaches a bicycle safety class.

Jack briefed the JBAC on the up-coming resurfacing project on Mountain St. NW and that some of the sidewalk and curb cuts were already under construction. Chief Thompson said that the sidewalk work was already completed. Jack explained that we are concerned about avoiding the 3" edge of pavement drop-off into the gutter pan like on Church Street. This is a dangerous seemingly avoidable situation for bicyclists especially and for pedestrians and vehicles as well. He mentioned that we have contacted the engineer for JBW&T and the ALDOT to avoid this on the Mountain Street resurfacing project. He is hopeful that this edge-of-pavement drop-off will be solved on Mountain Street.

Mr. Wirtz mentioned that she had seen a television special on Calhoun County and that the Chief was mostly attributed to Anniston. She suggested that we see if brochures could be provided to the I-20 Welcome Center and Jack mentioned that years ago they required 5,000 brochures which was more than we could provide but that he would check to see if that had changed. Ms. Wirtz suggested some signs on the Chief that would indicate that coffee or food is located downtown. There was discussion on the most and best direct route from the Chief and the Sq. and whether other directional signage would be required at AL 21 or the Sq. Chief Thompson suggested at least one large 'You Are Here' map perhaps at the depot that might help. Jack suggested that maybe we are talking about a larger 'Wayfinding' system which includes JSU and the rest of the City. And rather than just doing one little part that maybe we should think about something larger. He will find some info on wayfinding systems and bring it for the next meeting.

Chief Thompson related a story of the JPD meeting a bicyclist who was kind of lost at the Rec. Center and giving him a ride to Hampton Inn. Anyway he turned out to be a Norfolk Southern manager who later sent a \$2,000 check to help with some police equipment! Mike emphasized that this is the type of user on the Chief typically educated, mid 30's and 40's, employed and seeking out unique communities.

The next meeting of the JBAC is scheduled for 7 pm, July 16th.

There being no other business, the JBAC adjourned about 8:10 pm.