

Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

7/17/12

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

Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Jack explained the history of the Calhoun County Recreational Trails Committee and its role in supporting the development of the Chief Ladiga Trail. Both he and Mike are members. Mayor Smith mentioned that Mayor Brian Young of Piedmont had verbally approved of the use of the CLT logo but that maybe now the City may want to have it copywrited. So we are back to designing our own t-shirt logo.

Mr. Wilson had several colors and designs to choose from and suggested that we spend about \$400 to purchase approximately 50 to sell at cost plus \$3. Ron said that 100% cotton any color would be \$6 -\$7 dollars and 2x or 3x would add another \$1.50 and \$2.50 per shirt.

After some discussion, the committee settled on a design w/CLT/CoJ on both sides. If we are granted permission to use the official CLT logo then maybe Jack and Mike may know after the CCRT Committee meeting on July 23. Mike suggested a distribution b/n S,M, L, and XL and Mayor Smith suggested that Ron and Henry instruct the printer to send him the invoice.

Next the committee reviewed the JBAC minutes from May 22, 2012 and corrected Mr. Wilsons name. With this correction the minutes from 5/22/12 were approved.

Henry mentioned that a Guest Registration sign had been installed at the depot inviting users in to sign.

Henry asked about the status of resurfacing the Piedmont/County portions of the Chief. Jack referenced an article in the Anniston Star today which indicated the bids were \$52,000 higher than the available grant funds. Commissioner Rudy Abbot has pledged \$25,000 to help and the City Council is meeting tonight to find the other \$27,000. This is a critical resurfacing effort which should be finished well before the Alabama Trails Conference at JSU on Oct. 31st.

Henry asked about the "2 Wheel Wednesdays" that Scott had been working on and Jack mentioned that he had seen a bicycle at Effina's new parking rack last Wednesday.

Henry asked about the Community/Campus Bicycling Brochure and Jack mentioned that it had been re-created using another publishing software that seem to be inadequate. He revised and reviewed the original and suggested that we move ahead with publication after review by the JPD and JSUPD and offered that in the form of a motion which was seconded. A little more discussion and Jack suggested that we could utilize the EAC color printer and print 500 to get them distributed in and around JSU and the City. The motion passed and Jack mentioned he would get the two PD's to review and move to printing.

Mayor Smith mentioned that the AL Trails Conference will be at JSU in late October and that organizers were expecting 200- 300 participants. Which is big. Mike suggested that we work with Hampton Inn and new Key West Inn in Piedmont as sponsoring hotels.

Henry asked about the status of the 11th Street connection to the Chief and Mayor Smith said Mr. Carr has looked at it and thinks he can do it with City forces as long as the drainage is solved. Jack mentioned that there will be no Fed money, ALDoT is not involved so it doesn't have to meet Fed or ALDoT standards. The connection will be for us and as long as it's safe, wide enough, and drains properly it will work and be used by the neighborhood.

Mike asked about the proposed pedestrian bridge over AL 21 at JSU and Mayor Smith and Jack both thought that enthusiasm had waned since it became costly and the location became an issue. In order for it to 'fit' at JSU it had to be moved several hundred feet away from the intersection it was meant to serve. As such less and less pedestrians were likely to use it and it was to be located in front of the President's house which became a serious design issue.

Mike asked about the 'Complete Streets' ordinance that Anniston had recently passed. Jack passed out copies of it and another ordinance from Homewood and mentioned that both had been passed along the City to consider.

Jack also passed out copies of two articles about Auburn's Bicycle Friendly City status and mentioned the several things Jville needs to do in order for our LAB Bicycle Friendly application to be strong, saying its not impossible but its going to take another year maybe two.

Jack also mentioned the proposed sidewalk on G. Douthit Drive and that the Walmart manager has responded positively. He has drafted a letter for the Mayor requesting their contribution but the Mayor had not mailed it as of yet.

Mike mentioned that he suspects 4 wheelers have been on the Chief at night by the tire marks on some portions of the trail. Ron mentioned that he has seen some as well but also had seen PPD on the trail as well. Most of this is lack of enforcement which will involve the County Sheriff's help. Mike seems to think one of the worst spots is between the Depot and Alex/Jville Road.

Finally, Jack mentioned that he thought the 'Sharrow' project has turned out well and he would suggest asking the City to paint additional ones on the same streets so they end up being about 500' apart.

Mike suggested that we send a thank you letter to Matt Johnson at AL Specialty Products for his help developing the custom Sharrow stencils. Jack said he would draft a letter for Henry's signature and send it with a t-shirt.

Henry mentioned the next meeting would be September 18th.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.