

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee
August 17, 2010
Jacksonville Depot

In attendance; Mark Jones, Mayor Smith, Shannon Robertson, Henry Campeaux, Jack Plunk

Mr. Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Jack had forgotten to bring minutes from the last meeting on 7/20 to approve, so the meeting went ahead.

Henry asked about the status of the bicycle racks and Share the Road signs and Jack read and email from Mike Poe that indicated that JSU and Mr. Abbott were both on board and would contribute to this purchase. Mr. Abbott was supportive of our efforts and indicated that he may be able to contribute more towards the Share the Road signs in the next FY. He also indicated that the other Commissioners may be able to contribute as well. Jack mentioned that the NEABC had committed to contribute at least \$400 to the effort and Ms. DiBiase had indicated that she would work with Preston to come up with a design for the vest pocket park so that would allow us to place one of the four custom racks at the Library. Which would allow two for the Square, the Library and one for JSU. The Mayor indicated he would contact Mike and see if we are ready to move forward with a purchase.

The Committee discussed getting the bicycle racks in place first and over the next several months then concentrating on getting some of the Share the Road signs placed. Mr. Jones had a question regarding their placement and a discussion followed about avoiding pedestrian movement conflicts and/or an ADA violation due to their position.

Next there was a discussion on the proposed bike lane stripping on West Mountain Street and the other streets in the plan. Mayor Smith indicated that he had spoken with Houston Jenkins the engineer for the Mt. St. and Gardner Street resurfacing projects about this issue.

Jack mentioned that he had spoken to Mr. Carr regarding the stenciled on-street directions between the Chief and the Henry Farm mountain bike trail and he was ok with the concept. Shannon mentioned that Carmine had announced a grand opening for Oct. 30th, 2010. Jack suggested that we wait until the date is closer before we try to do the stenciled directions but that was something the committee could do on a Sat. morning in early October.

Next there was a discussion about the use of 'Sharrows' and the proper application. There was a review of the info on Sharrows from Wikipedia and there seemed to be a consensus that they would be appropriate for Church street and a few other segments but maybe not appropriate for every street.

There was a general discussion on the potential reaction of the downtown merchants to the bicycle rack placement.

Finally, there was a discussion of a potential TE application to re-configure the Chief crossing at AL 204 to make a straight 90 degree crossing with solar powered crossing light IF the ALDoT will fund the project and include the crossing lights which JSU has wanted for safety reasons. Mike supported this and the Mayor was in agreement. Jack agreed to explore this a little further before we go to the trouble of developing an application.

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for Sept. 21st.