

Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee (JBAC)

Sept. 17, 2013

Present: Jack Plunk, Chief Tommy Thompson, Ron Wilson, Lynn Hoffman Wirtz, Suzy Spiceland

Guest: Mr. Wirtz

Mr. Plunk called the meeting to order at 7:02. Minutes from the meeting on July 16th were reviewed. Lynn gave a list of grammar mistakes that needed to be fixed. Chief Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

We now have a bank account, thanks to the city helping us out. \$408 in shirts have been sold. Ron feels that if we could get ours on display, we would sell more. He referred to Silver Comet shirts that are displayed at the Eubanks Welcome Center in Piedmont and have sold much more briskly on that part of the trail.

The city adopted the Homewood model of the Complete Streets Guidelines. Mr. Plunk stated that this was a great start and thanked the city for a start in the right direction. He urged the JBAC members to thank the Council for this important move.

Commissioner Rudy Abbott helped us to pay for the phase 2 of the Share the Road signs, which is now complete. Jack also mentioned that Commissioner Abbott helped us pay for the custom bicycle parking racks on the Square, and the Library, and Phase 1 of the Share the Road signs. There are now 20 signs throughout the city.

Jack Plunk wrote a thank you letter to Rudy Abbott. Mike Poe signed the letter and it was sent in the mail in August.

Jack mentioned that Sherri Nichols the new Walmart manager had offered for us to pass out bicycle safety information and our brochures on October 26th Wal-Mart Safety Day: we can pass out brochures, etc. Lynn, Ron, Suzy, and Jack each signed up for an hour. 12-1 Ron, 1-2 Lynn, 2-3 Suzy, 3-4 Jack. Ron and Jack will meet prior to that day so that they can get the brochures and other supplies to Ron beforehand. Jack will take any leftover materials back that day, since he's covering the last shift.

Jack looked into pricing and other information concerning signs along the trail. Through Southern Custom Exhibits, they are expensive--\$900 for a 24x36. Plus, \$75 an hour for layout and mapping if we don't do that ourselves first. If we do our own jpg or pdf, we could save ourselves a lot of money. As an alternative, they can come and refurbish the ones that are already out there for \$600. The Opportunity Center would do us some vinyl signs for \$72 plus the artwork at \$25 an hour. We would have to pay for waterproofing, etc., so there would be other expenses. A third option is possibly at JSU. Dr. Meehan said that Pete Conroy had done signs at the Gazebo. There is one last panel there on those signs that is empty. If we could do a "you are here" sign on that last panel, this could well be our cheapest option. Chief Thompson said we might be able to get work done on that last panel by the University. Jack said he'd check to see if it is a possibility for us to use that fourth panel. Ms. Wirtz will play with the map and see what she can come up with. We need a good jpg or pdf file of a map before we can bring the cost down.

Jack Plunk mentioned that he thinks the city needs some urging on to get the Sharrows re-applied and

taken care of. There were no elected officials at this meeting, so he encouraged us to do some urging. He asked Chief Thompson if he would be willing to pass on some sense of urgency. The Chief asked if Stanley knew what the streets were. Jack stated that Stanley has the list of the Sharrows (phases and streets).

Before adjourning, Lynn wondered about having pertinent emergency phone numbers marked on the trail itself. Mr. Wirtz described them as having phone numbers and area locators, so that if you needed to make a call to an agency, you could find the number and let them know where you are. Chief Thompson pointed out that 911 is accurate only within a mile range for a call made via a cell phone.

The next meeting of the JBAC was set for November 19th, 2013.

Motion made to adjourn by Chief Thompson. Seconded by Ron.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.