

Minutes  
Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee  
Jville Community Center  
11-13-2012

Present: Ron Wilson, Henry Campeaux, Councilman Mark Jones, Jack Plunk, Citizens from the Reynolds St./11<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood (See list.)

Chairman Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and introduced the JBAC to the citizens where present. Henry mentioned that several members were not present; Mr. Poe, Mr. Washington and Mr. Edmison and of course Mayor Smith. The Chairman asked for a review of and any corrections to the JBAC minutes from 9/25/2012. Mr. Plunk passed out copies of the minutes, which had also been previously distributed via email. Mr. Butler interjected to ask the Chairman questions regarding the JBAC and its formation and was asked to wait and allow the committee to conduct its business and keep the meeting on time. After a short review and no changes or corrections Mr. Plunk made a motion seconded by Mr. Wilson to accept the minutes from 9/25/12.

Chairman Campeaux explained that the JBAC was formed by the Mayor and Council as a method to find ways to make Jacksonville bicycle friendly.

Mr. Wilson briefed the committee on the Chief Ladiga/Jville T-shirts he had designed and mentioned that the JBAC needed to open an account to keep funds. Mr. Wilson mentioned that several had already been sold and others distributed to the City and the Depot to be sold for \$12 each. Chairman Campeaux appointed Mr. Wilson as Treasurer and asked him to follow through with getting the JBAC a bank account.

Chairman Campeaux asked if there had been any feedback regarding the recent AL Trails Conference at JSU. Mr. Jones indicated that the Mayor had attended several sessions and that about 200 people attended and thought it had been positive for the City.

Next Chairman Campeaux briefed the citizens on the Campus/Community Bicycling Brochure and it has been distributed to JSU PD, Jville PD, JSU Visitors Center, the Depot, Java Jolt, Wake N Bake Pizza, Jelly Beans and several other downtown businesses. Henry mentioned it may be time to resupply and Jack said that we can print more if necessary.

Chairman Campeaux next called for the discussion on the proposed 11<sup>th</sup> Street connection to the Chief Ladiga Trail. The assembled citizens were very vocal in their opposition to this and cited concerns over parking, auto traffic, litter, and nearby multi-family apartments. Jack explained that we were reacting to several requests from the NE neighborhoods who wanted a direct route to get to the Chief on their bicycles without having to ride to or along AL 204 or drive their vehicles to a parking lot. The citizens mentioned that 'those families could go somewhere else'.

The citizens also complained that auto traffic volumes and speed had increased on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and in their opinion 11<sup>th</sup> Street was dangerous, too. Chairman Campeaux thanked them for their input and notified them of the next JBAC meeting, January 15, 2013. Chairman Campeaux asked about the G. Douthit sidewalk project and Jack reported that Mayor Smith had contacted Walmart for a contribution and hopefully that will work its way up and we will have a positive response. If Walmart will contribute the City may be able to build the sidewalk with its forces and this would speed up the project and hold down the cost significantly. This sidewalk would connect with the Chief spur at JHS and extend to the rear parking lot of Walmart. Jack said he had mentioned the project to the new BoE superintendent and he was supportive.

Chairman Campeaux mentioned the Sharrow project and that the City has installed the Sharrows on James Hopkins Drive as well. Henry briefed Councilman Jones and both he and Jack mentioned that we would like the City to add additional Sharrows to our Phase 1 streets so that eventually they are only about 300 feet apart. This has been requested to the Mayor and he thought the City could get to it this fall.

Henry then asked about the info kiosk at JSU and the signs at the state line. Jack said he had talked to both Dr. Meehan and Pete Conroy and that Dr. Meehan had allocated several thousand to upgrade and replace faded signs and maps. Jack thought the Mr. Conroy was aiming for Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to have this completed but no one had checked to see.

Jack was still concerned that the bicycle parking rack at Mama Goldbergs has not yet been installed and was quite disappointed this has not been a priority and completed before opening.

Ron mentioned that he had seen perhaps 15 bicyclists parked at Subway on Sunday and also that the NEABA has been a little more visible and had held a work day recently to cut limbs and clean the Weaver segment of the Trail.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The JBAC will meet again on January 15, 2013.

*List of citizens from the 11<sup>th</sup> Street/Reynolds Street neighborhood;*

*Sherry and Ray Butler  
Jake Marraron  
Sean Wellesley  
Caroline Wellesley  
George Wirtz  
Lynn Hoffman Wirtz  
Carolyn Padgett  
Jerry Green  
Adela Green  
Edward Lynn  
Brandy Faulkner*

