

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

Jacksonville Community Center

Minutes - January 19, 2016

Present: Mrs. Lynn Hoffman-Wirtz, Ron Wilson, Jack Plunk, Chief Tommy Thompson, Ken Washington, Mike Langley. Guest: Mr. Wirtz

Jack called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and asked for a review of the JBAC minutes from November 17, 2015. After review and no corrections or additions, the minutes from Nov. 17th were adopted.

Ron Wilson gave the treasurers report and mentioned that no t-shirts had been sold since the last meeting. Ron reported that we have a balance of \$2,418 and we have not heard anything about Pam Mason selling shirts at the Depot.

A new connection to the Chief at Greenleaf Street is still under construction. There is about 15 feet of elevation change will require a switchback type of sidewalk connection probably with one platform. Mark Stevens and the City are working on it.

Ron and Mike reported that they had talked with Commissioner Patterson about his proposed parking lot at the Chief and Alexandria road and said that he was determined to build this whether we liked it or not! There was a consensus of the Committee that it is unnecessary and too large. In addition there was unanimous agreement that rest rooms here would invite trouble and be a continuing problem. A much preferable alternative would eliminate rest rooms and provide a water fountain and swing set or playground equipment.

Jack mentioned that he had been unable to contact Mr. Carr about Sharrows Phase 3 but would continue to try.

The Committee is disappointed that Phase 2 of the Creekside Trail has not begun and is anxious to see it started.

Mark Stevens is working with several new and existing businesses to install bicycle parking racks. He says Dairy Queen has agreed to include a bicycle rack and that maybe Dollar General will install one later this year.

Mike reports that the City of Piedmont has finally begun its bridge rehab work on 9 bridges. This project will take somewhere between 30 and 45 days.

Finally, Ron suggested that the JBAC join the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) and after a short discussion the motion was adopted. The JBAC will join at the \$50 group level.

The next meeting of the JBAC is scheduled for March 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.