

## JBAC Meeting 3/17/15

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00. Present are: Suzy Michelson, Chief Thompson, Lynn Hoffman-Wirtz, guest George Wirtz, Jack Plunk, Ron Wilson, guest Xavier DeKarske, Ken Washington, Councilman Mark Jones
2. Review of last month's minutes-- In #6 of last month's minutes, Jack Holder works at the Eubanks Center in Piedmont. #4 should say 15 large and 15 XL shirts. Motion made by Ron to adopt corrected minutes, seconded by Lynn, and motion passed.
3. Mission--to make Jacksonville more bicycle friendly, using the five E's as a guide.
4. Five E's--We will try to post a link to information about these E's, which can be found on the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) webpage.
5. Bank account-- \$1,836 in account. Four more shirts sold. Most shirts being sold at City Hall.
6. Phase three Sharrows-- Jack said that he hadn't seen Sharrows on Church Ave. today. So, for phase three we need to re-do Church Ave. and then do Greenleaf, Second Ave., Woodward, and then, after construction, George Douthit and Alexandria Rd. Jack will see about contacting Stanley Carr with the City of J'ville to see about getting the ball rolling on these Sharrows (Phase 3).
7. LAB Smart Cycling Quick Guides-- pocket-sized guides to riding safely. We talked about them at the last meeting. They cost about \$1 apiece. We discussed having 50 guides at our pre-race table (see #8 below). Motion made (to buy 50 guides) by Mark, seconded by Lynn, and passed.
8. Chief Ladiga Cruise-- a new, non-competitive ride on the Chief Ladiga trail. We discussed sponsorship and/or aid station to help out. We liked several of the perks, including having the table at the pre-ride event. We can sell shirts there and have maps and other things to hand out. Mark made a motion to pay for a sponsorship, Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.  
  
After we find out about a need for volunteers and details about the aid stations, we will decide on working a rest stop through email communication.
9. Commissioner Lee Patterson wants to see a parking lot at the trail where it crosses Alexandria Rd., near the water pump station. This is in the works. Mark Jones seemed fairly certain that this will come to fruition. Picnic tables are also possibly going to be at this site. Jack discussed a need for shade trees on the east side of the trail there and the fact that picnic tables will invite garbage or littering that someone will need to remove regularly.
10. Next meetings: May 19 (changed to the 12th), July 21, Sept. 15, and Nov. 17
11. Reports are that bridges in the Piedmont section have rotted boards in the decks. Discussion about the lack of maintenance/upkeep of the bridges on the trail that Piedmont is responsible for. Piedmont has said they will do this bridge work with an ADECA grant received in 2012 or 2013. There is a time limit for them to have the work done with the ADECA grant, with grant money having a deadline to be spent. This is a critical issue for the continued function and enjoyment of the Chief.

12. The third bridge north of J'ville (Tallaseehatchee Creek just south of Maxwellborn) has a hazard that needs to be fixed. Mark requested an email about this so that he could see about getting it fixed. Jack said he would email Jville PARD about this.

13. Mark brought up the subject of adding a connector on 11th. We had talked about this about a year ago. The community was against using 11th. Mark is suggesting we use a spot on Reynolds for such a connector instead. There is no parking at Reynolds, so that the only way to get there would be by bike. Alabama might be an ideal place but it would require more paving and maybe a bridge. The ditch is not so big at Reynolds so that using Reynolds is a viable option for a paved connector.

14. Xavier discussed some ideas he has about mapping the trail and said he would discuss our JBAC information in his class at JSU. He wants to make better maps for users.

15. Mark suggested the next meeting of the JBAC be re-scheduled for May 12 instead of the 19th so that we can prepare for the Chief Ladiga Cruise event on May 17th. Motion made and passed.

16. Meeting adjourned at 7:06.

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