

Minutes
Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee
May 17, 2011

Present: Henry Campeaux, Scott Edmiston, Jack Plunk, Mayor Smith

Chairman Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and began a review of minutes of March 15, 2011. After a review of the 3/15/11 minutes Jack made a motion to adopt which was seconded by Scott. The minutes were adopted.

Henry wanted to know about the couple of StR signs on the Alexander/Jville Highway, and Jack mentioned that these were a few the Calhoun County Engineering Dept. placed on the approaches to the Chief a few years ago.

Henry mentioned that we are still waiting on Mike Poe to meet with Commissioner Abbott on the purchase of 10 StR sign sets to be placed in Jacksonville. The members suggested that Henry email Mike and remind him of this.

Mayor Smith mentioned that the Mt. Street resurfacing project may have to be delayed until 2012.

Henry wanted to see if the Mayor could make sure the JBAC minutes were posted on the City's bicycle info web page and Mayor Smith said he would follow up with Patti Carroll on this.

In regards to encouraging more utilitarian bicycle trips, Scott has talked with several riders and business owners and suggested a 'Ride on Wednesday' type of event. Since it's a half day for some and in the middle of the week away from peak vehicle traffic on Fridays and Mondays this may be a good day to do it. Mayor Smith mentioned that the City may be able to place an announcement in the J'ville News when if Henry and Scott will put something together.

Jack brought several samples of bicycle safety and encouragement info that he suggested we review to put into the orientation materials for JSU Freshmen in Sept. Jack had several examples of bicycle info from Cornell U., the LAB and bicyclinginfo.org. He suggested we synthesize and summarize to a couple of pages and we would include the web address or the City's bicycle info web page and the map of the Chief and mt. bike trails. Jack said he would have a real draft to review at the next meeting.

Henry asked about the customized Sharrow stencils and Mayor Smith mentioned that he had delivered them to the Street Dept. and thought they would have painted in a couple already. After some discussion about the timing for the Church Street repaving it was agreed that the City would go ahead and get a few painted in on the segment that's NOT scheduled for repaving. Mayor Smith will be following up with the Street Dept. about this.

Mayor Smith mentioned the possibility of Jacksonville hosting the next meeting of the Alabama Trails Society at some future date to show off the Chief, Terrapin Creek, the Henry Farm Mt. Bike Trails and the Pinhoti Trail.

Jack mentioned that he thought the Council needs to re-authorize the JBAC for another year since all we had was a one year mandate.

Jack reviewed the accomplishments of the Committee during the last year; getting organized, establishing directions to/from the Henry Park Mt. Bike Trails, developing draft lists of projects and Complete Street policies, establishing and launching a great bicycle info web page, plans to place customized Sharrows stencils on Church St., working with JSU and the City to purchase and install the 3 bicycle parking racks downtown and preparing a draft bicycle info package for the JSU 2013 Freshman class.

There being no other business the JBAC agreed to meet again on July 19th.