

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
Jacksonville Community Center
5/22/12

Present; Henry Campeaux, Ron Miller, Scott Edmiston, Jack Plunk

Henry called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and passed out the agenda. Jack handed out copies of the JBAC minutes from 3/20/12.

Henry started with the discussion of the Sharrow project and everyone has seen them out on the several streets we wanted to start with. Jack mentioned that he would like to have a few more on the same streets but shifted maybe 6 more inches to the left.

Henry mentioned the Community/Campus Bicycle Guide and that Mr. Jones was checking to see about some more printing options and costs. Jack mentioned that Holli at the City had reproduced it and had a printable version ready to go. Jack also expressed hope that we could get them printed and distributed soon.

Henry mentioned the proposed application to the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) to be designated a Bicycle Friendly City (BFC). Jack said he has reviewed the new 2012 application and while we have some things positive to report there are about 10 things dealing with policy, ordinances and maintenance that we do not have. No Bicycle Program Manager has been appointed, none of the draft sample ordinances that we have passed on the Mayor and Council to consider have been adopted, we do not have a member of JPD or JSUPD on the Committee, etc. etc. Jack again expressed a little skepticism in the value of having the BFC designation.

Next Chairman Campeaux asked about the 2012 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan update and Jack reported that the public meeting to review and comment was held on May 15th and the MPO had adopted the plan update at its regular meeting on May 17th. It includes all the projects that the JBAC has proposed and becomes an official complement to and part of the Calhoun Area MPO's FY 12-15 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Next Ron and Henry announced that Jville PARD had placed a bench at the turtle pond and was working on a guest register sign for the Depot.

Ron briefed the committee on the sample t-shirts and designs he has received from Screened Image. No one knew whether the City of Piedmont has responded to Henry's request to use the Chief logo, but Scott emphasized and Jack agrees that they would both prefer to use the already established logo of Chief Ladiga under the words City of Jacksonville.

Ron also reported seeing several four wheelers as well as law enforcement on the Chief just south of Piedmont. And also he had talked with one of the long distance skate boarders who had recently toured the Chief.

Jack mentioned that while the sidewalk on G. Douhit Dr. was not primarily one of the JBAC projects, he had spoken to the manager of Walmart and received a positive

response. He has drafted a letter for Mayor Smith which will ask Walmart to contribute to the sidewalk project.

Henry inquired about the resurfacing of the Piedmont/County sections of the Chief and Jack responded that the ALDoT had given the City permission to let the project out for bids. Depending on the response the City may be able to move ahead with the project this summer. Henry mentioned the desire to repair several rough spots caused by roots near the Turtle Pond and Century Rd where someone has taken fluorescent paint and highlighted the bumps.

Jack suggested that we need to make sure the City of Piedmont has responded to our request to use the Chief Ladiga logo and maybe Henry should just call Mayor Young and ask. Henry thought the two things were critical on the t-shirts; they have the Chief logo and the words City of Jacksonville. There was no decision on the design for the back of the shirts. Scott thought it was a little pre-mature since we haven't received a response from Piedmont regarding the Chief logo.

Scott went on to say he had talked with a few downtown business owners and have come up with some ideas for '2 Wheel Wednesdays'. He also mentioned that the Overland Touring group may be coming through Jacksonville this year.

Finally, Jack mentioned it may be time to re-stencil our directions to/from the Chief and the Henry Farm Mt. bike trails since they may have faded.

Henry mentioned the next meeting of the JBAC would be July 17th.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.