

## Minutes

### Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee (JBAC)

July 16, 2013

Present: Jack Plunk, Chief Tommy Thompson, Ron Wilson, Mike Poe, Councilman Mark Jones  
Guests: Bill Sparrowhawk, Mr. Wirtz

Chairman Mike Poe called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and asked for a review of the JBAC minutes from May 21, 2013. Mr. Wilson pointed out a typo to be corrected regarding the number of t-shirts sold. Chief Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Mike asked for a vote and the minutes were accepted with corrections.

Ms. Lynn Hoffman Wirtz and Ken Washington arrived and joined the JBAC meeting.

Mike opened with a discussion of the t-shirt sales and the need for a bank account. Without a tax ID the JBAC cannot open an account. Mr. Jones agreed to speak with the City finance officer to see how we can handle this money. Mr. Wilson mentioned that he now has \$384 and sold 32 shirts.

Jack mentioned that the pilot project for customized Sharrows had been applied to Church Ave., Mountain Street East and West, Forney Ave., and Park Avenue and that he had asked the City to re-apply to those same streets so they are approximately 660 feet apart. In addition, the City would go ahead with Mountain Street West, Francis Street East, Gardner Dr. SW, and James Hopkins Road.

In addition, the Share the Road signs Phase 2 which Commissioner Abbott has again contributed \$700 for 10 StR sign sets, Mr. Carr has ordered signs, the County has cut a check and the City will move ahead based on its summer work schedule. Phase 2 will be Gardner Drive. SW, Greenleaf St., Alexandria Road SW, West Francis St. and G. Douthit Dr. SW.

Jack also mentioned that he would draft a thank you letter to Commissioner Abbot for Mike's signature. Regarding a news article about the StR signs or Sharrows, Mr. Jones suggested that might be appropriate when the Council is ready to adopt the draft Complete Streets Ordinance.

Jack passed out copies of the Draft Complete Streets Ordinance and mentioned that he had combined sample ordinances from Anniston and Homewood as a starting point for City consideration. Mr. Jones mentioned that he would also like a Sample Campus Friendly Bicycle ordinance or policy for JSU to consider.

Mike went on to discuss bicycle parking rack locations and mentioned that he had left a message for Grub Mart owner Pam Young but had not received a call back. Mike mentioned that he would contact JHS about bicycle parking.

There was a long discussion regarding Jacks and how it fell through the cracks and was not required to have a bicycle parking rack. Ron and Mike suggested that we should still continue to ask them to install bicycle parking. Chief Thompson added that this should happen early in the planning process when the plat was being developed. Jack added that Yes, that is why its important to be 'institutionalized' into the zoning and development guidelines and emphasized that he believed a request is not good enough, that it should not be optional and there is some flexibility with the number of parking spaces given the provision of bicycle parking. Mr. Jones added that he wants to find something even weak that the Council can adopt and then consider making it required.

Mike called for a discussion of Wayfinding and signage and Jack apologized for forgetting to bring examples. He mentioned that maybe it should be a City and JSU project to team up to provide a system of pedestrian oriented directional signs throughout the City and Campus and not just for the Mt. Street/Chief intersection.

In regards to that issue, Chief Thompson again suggested a large "You are Here" display map at the depot which includes City attractions and destinations. After some discussion, Jack suggested that we should contact Southern Custom Exhibits for some ideas and costs.

Next Mike wanted to discuss the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community application. Jack mentioned that there are several important components which are missing, one being the Complete Streets policy. He mentioned that Chief Thompson's participation was important and then reviewed several Law Enforcement questions that he could not answer. Another missing component being the appointment of a Bicycle Program Manager for the City even if it's a part time position for an existing employee. He suggested that we continue with projects and policy and we will chip away at the application.

In the edge of asphalt profile on Mountain Street West, Jack mentioned it was touch and go for awhile but the ALDoT contractor had done a good job and it turned out well.

Ms. Wirtz asked about the AL204/Chief parking lot and Jack mentioned that the City has sent a request to the ALDoT and FHWA and he would call and see where the response is. Jack mentioned that when talking they didn't seem to be overly concerned but that they are also sometimes slow in responding. Ms. Wirtz added that there are two abandoned bicycles locked to the parking rack there.

Ms. Wirtz recalled that the Pinellas Trail in Florida had law enforcement and volunteers on bicycles who patrol the trail. Chief Thompson said that his officers usually patrol in the late afternoon just before dusk.

Mr Wilson asked if the mile post markers would be installed on the Piedmont section and Jack mentioned that he had talked with the City and they were going to re-place the posts after re-surfacing work was completed.

Mike and Mr. Wilson mentioned that the bridge crossings were rough and Jack said it is up to the Cities to provide maintenance and bridge repairs but that recently the City of Piedmont has submitted a TAP bridge repair grant application that seemed to include bridges on Jacksonville's section too. He would try to get some clarification on this grant application.

Mr. Jones mentioned that the City has renewed the JBAC but wasn't sure how many members it was allotted. Jack mentioned that Mr. Robertson came once and has not attended any more meetings and that Mr. Campeaux could be replaced which is why he had invited Ms. Jennifer Young and Suzy Spiceland to the last meeting.

The JBAC will meet again on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.