

Minutes
Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee
July 19, 2010

Present: Henry Campeaux, Mayor Smith, Councilman Jones, Jack Plunk, Ken Washington

Chairman Campeaux called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began the review of the JBAC minutes from May 17, 2011.

Mayor Smith introduced new member Ken Washington and Henry and Jack provided some background on the committees' purpose, ideas and projects. Jack emphasized the difference between recreational bicycling as opposed to utilitarian trips, like to Walgreens or Winn Dixie. Henry mentioned a few bicycle trips he and his wife had made around town. The Committee briefly discussed the "Ride on Wednesday" effort to get folks to ride to/from the Square on Wednesdays.

Henry mentioned Mike Poe's email to Mr. Glass of the ACE regarding Commissioner Abbotts contributions to the Bicycle racks at the Sq. and the StR sign sets. Jack suggested that maybe Mr. Abbott could donate to the City through the NEABA instead of the ACE committee. Mr. Jones volunteered to check with Mr. Abbott on this.

Jack produced a Draft of the Bicycle Riding info he had prepared for the JSU freshman orientation package. He stated it was a synthesis of info from several sources; the LAB, the BicyclingInfo web page, Cornell University PD, the bicycle safety info on the new AL State Highway Map, and NHTSA. He provided copies for the committee to review and mentioned that we could certainly have this ready for the Fall 2012 freshman. Mr. Jones suggested that some sort of mileage info be added and Jack thought he could add a distance matrix on the lower right side of the map of the Chief Ladiga Trail.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any funding for a startup bicycle rental business on the property across from the Depot. Jack said all he new of was the Gap Financing available through the EAC Economic Dev. Specialist. Mayor Smith mentioned the desire to see something on this corner that benefits the Chief.

Henry passed around the Jville News article on the Sharrows briefed Ken on the concept and thinking behind them. Jack mentioned that the first few customized Sharrows on Church St. were surprisingly visible and explained the problems of the pavement profile on it. Councilman Jones inquired about the Mountain St. situation and Mayor Smith mentioned that it looks like repaving will not happen until sometimes in 2012. Jack briefed the committee on his conversation with Houston Jenkins of JBW&T the engineers for the project and believes that the project will be designed as a wide outside lane without the attending white stripe on the right side so that the City can apply Sharrows after the project is completed. Mr. Jones suggested that the City go ahead with Sharrows on Mountain St. both East and West and not wait what may be another year for the repaving project on the East segment.

Mayor Smith agreed that since repaving the segment of Church St. was completed, the City could go forward with the remaining Sharrows on Church St. and probably Mountain St. too within the next few weeks. Jack suggested to Henry that we should contact the Jville News when that happens and see if they will do a story. He suggested that Committee members could meet on the Sq. or Church or Mt. where the Sharrows are being applied hopefully within the next week or two.

Henry mentioned to Ken that the Committee had also stenciled directions to/from the Chief and the new Henry Farm Mountain Bike trails. Ken mentioned that he and his son had already ridden the trails a couple of times.

Henry asked if the Council had re-confirmed the JBAC for another year and Mayor Smith said that they had.

There being not other business the JBAC agreed to meet again on September 20th a little earlier at 6:30pm.