

## Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

Jacksonville City Hall

July 20, 2010

Present: Mayor Smith, Mike Poe, Henry Campeaux, Shannon Robertson, Jack Plunk

Visitor: Bill Sparrowhawk

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on 6/29/10. Chairman Campeaux asked for a report on the project to paint in-road directions with stencils b/n the Chief and the Henry Park Mt. bike trails. Jack reported that he had met with Mr. Stanley Carr, J'ville Street Superintendent on site and briefed him on the project. Mr. Carr was ok with this idea and suggested an oil based paint may last longer. So Jack suggested since this is a small project that Committee members could do this during an early morning one day soon.

Mike brought his cost estimates for bicycle parking racks and explained the costs and shipping for each type. He wanted to clarify exactly how many of each type and where they will likely be placed before requesting funding from Commissioner Abbot. Mike also wished to talk with JSU to see if they would participate as well. Mayor Smith offered to go with Mike to meet Commissioner Abbot when he is ready.

The Committee also discussed where and how many StR sign sets would be needed and which roads we wished to place them. The Committee thought it would be good to add a couple of StR signs along G. Douthit Dr.

Shannon suggested that as some point we might think about a map of the City and Chief connections, bicycle lanes, etc., either on the Chief or at one or two places in the City.

The Committee then explored the streets proposed for bicycle lane stripping and agreed to mention this to the engineers working for the City as soon as possible. Henry asked about the guidelines and Jack referred him to the AASHTO guidelines for Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities which has been previously provided to the Committee. Some discussion of the Church Street condition led to the solution that it may be the situation to use the 'sharrow' pavement marking symbol to indicate that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane.

Mike brought up the need for a sidewalk along G. Douthit Drive to the JHS. The Committee discussed this project and the various options to fund it. Mayor Smith suggested a location on the south side of Douthit Dr. would be on City property and may not require additional RoW. Shannon suggested a survey of the neighborhood to determine if people would use it and agreed to develop a draft survey to consider.

Henry wanted to know about the project to Resurface the Chief and Mayor Smith mentioned the Pre-Cn meeting this Thursday 7/22 and every thing was on go. The Mayor mentioned that the same contractor was also doing Alex/J'ville Rd and will most likely begin construction as soon as possible.

Henry also asked about the cars which wish to stop unnecessarily at the intersection of the Chief and Alex/J'ville Road. After some discussion it was decided that we should not do anything but continue to wave these vehicles on.

The Mayor provided copies of the planned parking lot at the Depot renovation along side the Chief. There were strong opinions that too many parking spaces are required at the expense of bicycle parking (which was not included) and the need for shade trees and shaded areas.

Mike then addressed his quotes for bicycle parking racks and locations and Jack reminded everyone that the NEABC had agreed to fund one for the new vest pocket park. Mike said this would be a great spot for one of the 'bicycle' shaped racks and that the NEABC would probably be agreeable to that.

Mike summarized saying he would put together a list of 15 StR signs, 4 'Bike' shaped bicycle racks and 1 10 space rack and talk with JSU and talk to Mr. Abbot to see what he can fund.

Mike and Henry then discussed how to 'encourage' bicycle trips to various places; like the Sat. morning Farmers Market. The Committee discussed the one hour Bicycle Safety Class for 4<sup>th</sup> graders that the MPO funds and noted that something needs to be done to teach parents and adults that its ok and safe to ride around the community.

Finally, Jack mentioned that the five 'E's of bicycle planning included enforcement and asked if the Committee could meet with Chief Thompson or one of his officers about the view of City law enforcement regarding bicyclists.

Chairman Campeaux suggested that the Committee meet again on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the historic Depot beside the Chief.

There being no further business the Committee was adjourned.