

Minutes

Jacksonville Bicycle Advisory Committee

9/20/11

Present: Mike Poe, Henry Campeaux, Ron Wilson, Scott Edmiston, Jack Plunk,
Councilman Mark Jones

Mr. Campeaux called the meeting to order about 7:05 pm. Jack passed out copies of the minutes from the July 19th JBAC meeting.

Henry and Jack briefed the committee on their meeting with Mr. Carr, Jville Street Superintendent on the Sharrow project and the application to the remainder of Church St. and other streets. Jack mentioned the list of streets and also that he had requested 5 Sharrows per mile. No one had seen any additional Sharrows, so it appears the City has not placed anymore as of yet.

Henry has rec'd and email from the City indicating that the StR signs have been ordered.

Henry reminded everyone of the Kiwanas Club Frogtown Duathlon scheduled for this Saturday, Sept. 24th, which is partly on the Chief.

Mr. Wilson suggested more signs on the Chief indicating where restaurants and hotels were located. Someone mentioned that the City has added a few brown info signs indicating where the JHS, Henry Farm Park and other destinations are located. Jack was clearly against more signs and/or sign clutter on the trail, so no concensus was reached at this time.

Jack briefed the other members on his Draft of bicycling info aimed at the next JSU freshman orientation. Mr. Jones suggested it would be good for the entire student body and non-students too and that we should consider modifying it to create a brochure type handout. There was no objection to Mikes suggestion to seek local business sponsorship to fund the brochure graphics and printing 5,000 to distribute.

Mr. Wilson made a suggestion that a good new connection to the Chief from the end of Greenleaf past the Christian school to the Chief. He had mentioned this to the Mayor and he was sure the City owned the land. Jack expressed some pessimism about funding for the project but did indicate that the connection was already included in the map of potential bicycle projects.

Jack then explained the recent issues with the ALDoT Transportation Enhancement program and indicated that the City has already planned to apply for TE to rearrange the CLT access at AL 204 to remove the parking spaces and extend the Chief straight across AL 204 with the proper trail crossing marks. JSU was agreeable to this and had committed to purchasing and installing solar powered crossing lights when the project is ready.

Mr. Wilson then mentioned that the Jville CLT repaving project stopped short of Merrellton road and did not cross the bridges north of Jacksonville. Jack explained that the two re-paving projects were supposed to repave ALL of the Jacksonville section

from Warren Dr. to Merrellton Road and the Piedmont/County TE funded repaving should repave ALL of the County and Piedmont sections and stretch from Merrellton Rd. to the Cleburne/Calhoun county line.

There was short discussion of possible crosswalks at JHS.

Scott mentioned that the Jville News might be doing a story on utilitarian bicycle trips because they had interviewed and made a photo of a couple of bicyclist's on the Square last Wednesday.

Jack and Mike explained how we paid for the new bicycle racks on the Square and library and how Commissioner Abbott had contributed \$700 to pay for the Share the Road signs.

Mike suggested finding some way to incentivize bicycle trips to/from the Square or local stores.

Mr. Wilson suggested more benches on the section of CLT north of AL 204 and the consensus was that the Jville PARD could fund and place these if they can. Ron also mentioned some 4 wheeler activity on some sections in the afternoon. Jack mentioned that all the jurisdictions passed ordinances which made motorized vehicles on the CLT illegal. He suggested that someone should take a camera phone and take pictures of the violators for evidence. There was also some discussion of the JPD responding to these complaints within the Police jurisdiction or riding the trail on their police bicycles late in the afternoon.

Scott mentioned that he thought both JPD and JSU PD had police patrol bicycles but hardly ever used them.

Henry mentioned the next meeting which is scheduled for November 15th.