

**CITY OF HENDERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 15, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Jarvis confirmed the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law by posting the agenda three working days prior to the meeting at City Hall, Multigenerational Center, Whitney Ranch Recreational Center, and Fire Station No. 86.

Present: Chairman Richard Wimmer
Ron Floth
Nanette Hilton
Dawn Nielsen
Steve Raucher
Paul Schmitt
Scott Seegmiller

Absent: None

Staff: Derek Allen, Planner
Shari Ferguson, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Rose Fuscado, Administrative Assistant III
Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III
April Parra, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Max Fenster, Boys and Girls Club
Jo Fenster

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Motion) Mr. Seegmiller introduced a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Wimmer declared the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Minutes for June 20, 2013.

(Motion) Mr. Seegmiller introduced a motion to approve the June 20, 2013, minutes as presented. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Wimmer declared the motion carried.

b. Review of Bicycle Friendly Community Application and Assignments

Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III, distributed copies of the updated application and noted that yellow items are items that are currently being worked on.

The Committee members reviewed the Bicycle Friendly Community Application and comments and assignments were made regarding the various questions.

#47 How do you promote National Bike Month/your own dedicated Bike Month?

Mr. Seegmiller commented that the activities that are listed are ones that the City has done. He said Committee members need to complete items that have not been included.

Mr. Floth commented that Club Ride has a national bike month promotion that includes competitions and bike giveaways.

Ms. Hilton suggested: Meet Up Henderson, Green Valley Cyclists, and GVRides.com.

Mr. Seegmiller suggested that all rides be placed on the BikeHenderson.org calendar. He noted that this has been discussed in the past and the City is apprehensive to have events on the calendar that the City is not involved with.

A discussion ensued regarding the look of the website and its content.

#48 How do you promote bicycling outside of your official Bike Month?

Chairman Wimmer said the website should be included.

Mr. Floth suggested the commuter challenge could be addressed with Club Ride.

Ms. Hilton said the bike shops have mentoring programs. She said she will forward information to Mr. Jarvis.

Mr. Floth and Ms. Neilson will write and submit something regarding the Three-Foot Law program that could be included under this question.

#49 List the signature cycling events that occur in your community.

Ms. Hilton noted that Goldilocks needs to be removed as they have moved. She also noted that the Chocolate Chase should be added as well as Mission Impossible.

Mr. Jarvis requested that Ms. Hilton submit a few lines about the Chocolate Chase.

#50 Does your local tourism board promote bicycling in your area?

Mr. Jarvis said that Cultural Arts and Tourism is the board that promotes cycling in Henderson; however, there are other opportunities.

Ms. Hilton suggested getting better photography and video and making that available for use in advertising, promotions, and webpages.

Mr. Floth commented that it is important to get families in the photos and videos.

#51 Are there cycling clubs in your community?

Ms. Hilton noted that Vegas Women's Racing should be added.

#53 Which of these bicycling amenities do you have in your community?

A discussion ensue regarding other potential items to be added to this question.

Mr. Schmitt suggested adding the River Mountains Loop Trail.

#54 Are there opportunities to rent bicycles in your community?

Ms. Hilton noted that McGhie's and River Mountains Bike Shop rent bikes.

#58 Does your community have youth recreation and/or intervention programs centered on bicycling?

Two programs were noted: Every Kid a Bike, which is affiliated with Every Woman Racing; and Kohl's Cares Foundation in partnership with UMC.

#59 What mapping and route finding information is available for your community, which has been updated in the last 18 months?

Shari Ferguson, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, commented that there is a gap in the marketing of the trails. She asked the Committee members to map out some routes that the City could promote.

Mr. Seegmiller suggested each member email their favorite routes to Mr. Jarvis prior to the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chairman/Committee member discussion of ideas or questions on items that might improve the City's bicycling culture

Chairman Wimmer commented that there are a lot of good pieces of trails; however, connectivity to create routes is important. He referenced Amargosa Trail. Mr. Jarvis responded that a solution has been found and it should be complete within a month or two.

Mr. Jarvis also gave updates regarding trails in Arroyo Grande, River Mountains Loop, and the I-215 frontage trail.

b. "Trips for Kids" presentation and request for assistance: Max Fenster, Boys and Girls Club

This item was heard immediately following Approval of the Minutes.

Max Fenster, Boys and Girls Club, distributed Trips for Kids of Southern Nevada Chapter Proposal and gave a brief presentation and asked for the Committee's support to help recruit volunteers.

Responding to a question regarding if they have bicycles, Mr. Fenster said they will get five and will accept donations.

Ms. Hilton stated McGhie's will support this program.

Responding to additional question by the Committee, Mr. Fenster stated the first group ride will be Pittman and future rides/schedules will be posted on the Boys and Girls Club website. He also noted that any child between the ages of 8 to 12 can participate.

c. Staff Report

Staff update on City-sponsored initiatives and requests from Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mr. Jarvis reported that the newest edition of Henderson Happenings is available and being mailed to Henderson residents. He said the new edition features numerous cycling events and volunteers are needed for the events.

A discussion regarding the marketing of cycling events ensued. Committee members were asked to get the word out via social media and word of mouth.

Mr. Jarvis commented that the master plan update is ongoing and will be completed next year. All Committee members were interested in receiving a copy for review and comment.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Floth reminded the Committee of the following events: Three Feet for Pete and the Honor Ride for Wounded Vets.

Mr. Schmitt thanked the City of Henderson for their efforts in increasing bicycle awareness.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Chairman Wimmer adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Parra,
Minutes Clerk