

**CITY OF HENDERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 19, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III, 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 (left at 5:00 p.m.)
Dawn Nielsen
Steve Raucher (arrived at 4:17 p.m.)
Paul Schmitt (left at 5:00 p.m.)
Scott Seegmiller

Absent: None

Staff: Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III
Kathleen Richards, Public Information Specialist
Tedio Jackson, Minutes Clerk

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 November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting

(Motion) Mr. Schmitt introduced a motion to approve the November 21, 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

Note: This item was discussed following New Business A.

Kathleen Richards, Public Information Officer, suggested making the application stronger by focusing on how the committee has contributed to making Henderson a bicycle-friendly community and getting families involved in cycling.

She asked what the committee has done to contribute to Henderson becoming a bicycle-friendly community?

Answer: Addition of new bicycle friendly businesses in the city; Bicycle Committee instituted signage on trails; Bicycle Committee members are champions for cycling in the community; Bicycle Committee is working with the Bureau of Land Management to advocate working together.

Question 45. Describe any efforts your community has made to ensure your education programs reach traditionally underserved populations, particularly seniors, women, youth and adult minorities and non-English speakers, and persons with disabilities of all ages.

Answer: Senior bike safety training; Spirit magazine in Sun City Anthem community to advertise different meet-up groups; mountain biking Henderson; disabled riding events include a para-Olympic event; bike safety presentation at CT Sewell Elementary School (at-risk school); Taylor Elementary School purchased bikes for kids; Dooley Elementary School received bikes from the Henderson Police Department Impound.

Assignment: Members were asked to provide more details for Question Nos. 15, 87, and 88. Staff will send out an email to follow up on responses.

Question 36. Describe any other amenities or infrastructure improvements that your community provides or requires that create a comfortable and attractive bicycling environment.

Answer: Water, surface, bathrooms, safe place to park bikes at stores, need more bike-friendly businesses, need a rack with cables and locks (APBP racks).

Regarding a question as to whether there is a federal grant for bike racks, a suggestion was made to change the Code requirement to reduce the amount of car parking to add bicycle parking. Mr. Jarvis commented that this information is included in application. He noted it is important to provide incentives to businesses to add bicycle parking.

Question 88. What are the three aspects of your community most in need of improvement in order to accommodate bicyclists?

Answer: It was suggested to expand on routes and maps.

Assignment: Members will commit to go on favorite two rides before the next meeting and provide information to staff.

Responding to a member question as to whether the City is still doing a pilot program, Mr. Jarvis stated that Cycle Tracks was the application that tracked several elements of a ride such as average speed, distance, and location traveled. He noted that staff is researching developing our own code, but there are legal obstacles to be licensed to sell on the Google app store versus the Apple app store. Staff has not been able to figure out how other communities can do this and comply with all the legal requirements. The IT Department is still interested and working on this issue.

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

Answer: Staff suggested highlighting the really good events that have an impact on residents and the community. Bonzai in Boulder City was mentioned.

Question 5a. College/University student population (during semester)

Answer: Is this really 10 to 25 percent? The College of Southern Nevada has a total population of 37,000 students. Mr. Seegmiller calculated 7.66 percent and will provide more accurate numbers to staff.

Question 24a. What percentage of bike racks conform with APBP guidelines?

A member asked if school racks are counted in the answer of more than 75 percent? Staff replied that toaster racks at schools do not qualify, so that number will be modified.

Responding to a question as to the size of the biking community relating to avid riders, it was noted that Biking Henderson has 679 registered users; Mountain Biking Las Vegas has 1,194 riders; and Southwest Bikes is another group with an unknown amount of riders.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Note: This item was discussed immediately following Approval of Minutes.

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

Suggestions to improve the city's bicycling culture included:

- Develop more social rides (try to get 60 percent more people involved)
- Work with school PTA's to sponsor a social ride
- Contact schools to asked about a safe bike route
- Organize a Saturday ride on the UPRR trail
- Attract families to ride on trails

This initiative can be accomplished by advertising in cycling clubs, bike shops, meet-up groups, and contact school PTAs.

Ms. Nielsen suggested targeting individuals who ride bikes to school with their children, and she offered to post information on the Coventry Facebook page. She will contact a gentleman who rides a bike with his daughter to Lamping Elementary School and organize a neighborhood Saturday ride.

Staff was challenged with finding individual events to include in the application.

To mitigate a concern regarding safety on social rides, it was suggested to organize rides on trails such as Pecos and Pittman Wash, and a ride connecting to Acacia and Reunion Parks.

Assignment: Each member will ask neighbors to go on a short ride in the neighborhood or to a park.

b. Staff Report

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

Note: This item was discussed immediately following New Business Item a.

Regarding the connection between Cornerstone and Arroyo Grande Sports Complex, Mr. Jarvis reported that the City Attorney's Office provided an opinion that the UPRR does have a right to sell the right-of-way and will authorize the City to negotiate with the UPRR.

Mr. Segmiller commented that the Pittman Wash Trail has a similar divider as the UPRR Trail at the corner of Valle Verde and Green Valley Parkway.

Mr. Jarvis reported that staff installed flashers for trail crossings on the Amargosa Trail at major roadway crossings. Bids will be opened for the Horizon Drive diversion diamond interchange, which will benefit cyclists and have the first applicant of green-lane striping.

The City is out to bid on Water Street between Lake Mead Parkway and Boulder Highway, which is the gateway into the Cadence Development. A widened 6.5-foot bike lane will be constructed.

Staff is currently in design on Stephanie Street between Galleria Drive and Russell Road. A pedestrian bridge is under construction to take Galleria Drive across the Pittman Wash Channel to the Whitney Ranch neighborhood. Plans also include building our first elevated cycle track on Stephanie Street. The cycle track will vary in width between eight and ten feet and be separated from the roadway by a roll curb. Staff is evaluating options on Warm Springs Road, between Arroyo Grande Boulevard and Marks Street) to reduce the number of travel lanes and install a widened cycling facility.

Mr. Jarvis commented that staff is considering projects where we have opportunities to create a master plan for cycling to implement over time. Staff is always looking for ideas of partnering with private businesses to create bike corrals, bike boxes, bike valet. He noted that it would be a great benefit to convince mall to become a bicycle-friendly business.

Responding to a question regarding what type of material the cycle track would be made of, Mr. Jarvis said staff has discussed cement and asphalt, but needs to consider cost.

A member suggested that the color of the cycle track be different and he noted that the color of the riding lanes in Amstradam are a salmon hue.

Mr. Jarvis commented that green is the national standard, but it has substantial maintenance costs associated with it.

Ms. Hilton stated that in a study by UNLV on bicycle friendly roads, there is a picture of plastic poles separating the vehicle lane and the cycling lane.

Mr. Jarvis replied that a buffer at the first level can be done with striping; the second level is striping and the plastic poles, which are called delineators; the third level is a physical separation with a median island, planter box, or a roll curb. He noted that the plastic pole delineators could have great potential where there are minimal side streets or commercial driveways.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments presented by the public.

IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Hilton announced that she will resign as a committee member because she no longer works at McGhie's bike shop and she does not live in Henderson. She expressed her appreciation for serving on the committee and noted that she will always be an advocate for cycling.

Staff will review the application and email assignments to members.

Chairman Wimmer questioned whether it will be beneficial for Committee members to attend the National Bike Summit?

Mr. Jarvis noted that the application will still be in the reviewing process when the Summit is scheduled. He noted that he will be attending the National Bike Summit and believes it is very beneficial to network with other advocacy groups.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2014, 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 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk