

**CITY OF HENDERSON  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 16, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 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  
Dawn Nielsen  
Paul Schmitt  
Scott Seegmiller (via teleconference)

Absent: Nanette Hilton  
Steve Raucher (excused)

Staff: Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III  
Derek Allen, Planner  
Kathleen Richards, Public Information Specialist  
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Sherry Moore  
Mike Olsen  
John Holman

### III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Olsen, no address given, representing Vegas Bike Racing.com, commented that he wants to bring the biking community in harmony with other cycling groups in the valley.

Sherry Moore, Clark County School District Safe Routes to School Coordinator, would like to share information regarding bicycle education and events.

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a. Approval of the Minutes for December 19, 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

Chairman Wimmer commented that the application is coming together and commended staff for their effort. February 19, 2014 is the submission day for the application.

Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III, reported that several groups are reviewing the document internally and providing feedback.

*Question 24. What is the total number of public and private bike parking spaces in your community?*

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

*Question 24b. Of the total bike parking available, please specify the percentage of bike parking spaces that are?*

Mr. Jarvis said there are 897 bike racks for City facilities, recreation centers, and parks. Staff is finalizing a school count to add those bike corrals.

*Question 25. Approximately what percentage of the following locations has bike racks or storage units?*

Staff will check to see if Henderson hotels and the Galleria Mall have bike valets.

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

A side note will be added that there is now an ordinance that will encourage an increase in the percentage.

*Question 31. Which of the following broader transportation policies and programs are in place in your community? Check all that apply.*

This question is incomplete and will be expanded.

*Question 37. What percentage of your public and private schools offer bicycle education, e.g. through a Safe Routes to School or similar program?*

Ms. Moore said the safe routes to school program deals with middle and elementary schools, but not high schools.

*Question 30. What percentage of arterial streets has dedicated space for cyclists (e.g. bike lanes, paved shoulders ?4 feet, cycle tracks, etc)?*

Mr. Jarvis commented that the number will be reduced to 90-percent compliance.

*Question 41. How many times per year are the following adult bicycling education classes held within your community? Answer all that apply.*

Cycling education classes does not address commuters. Bike shops offer cycling skilled classes. Staff is not aware of a specific class that fits this category.

It was noted that TS 1 is a class offered at the Henderson Multigenerational Recreation Center, and REI has a monthly class that can be added.

*Question 46. Describe any other education efforts in your community that promote safe cycling. (500 word limit).*

Ms. Nielsen will provide staff with more information to add to this answer.

Mr. Jarvis commented that the City is in desperate need of community partners to try to promote a bike activity in their neighborhoods to support National Bike Month in May.

*Question 50. Does your local tourism board or chamber of commerce promote bicycling in your area?*

On the third line of the answer after the word “rates,” the word “to” should be inserted.

*Question 52. How many specialty bicycle retailers (shops dedicated primarily to selling bikes and bike-related equipment) are there in your community?*

Regarding a suggestion to add Dicks and Sports Chalet, staff explained that staff did not add these stores because they do not solely sell bikes. The same thought applies to Sports Authority, so the number will be reduced to nine. A sentence will be added that there are three large retail stores that sell bikes and supplies within the store.

*Question 58a. Does your community have a bike co-op or non-profit community bike shop? No answer applies.*

*Question 60. What mapping and route finding information is available for your community, which has been updated in the last 18 months? Check all that apply.*

The Henderson bike map will be approved by the Planning Commission tonight. Staff is still in the process of identifying the main routes and working on text. Staff noted that there are two maps: a bike master plan and a bike network map with three different types of services. Both maps will be counted in this application. The bike network map will be presented to the committee members at the next meeting.

*Question 72a. Does your community have a comprehensive bicycle master plan or similar section in another document?*

The latest version of the master plan map was approved in February 2014.

*Question 74. Is there formal cooperation between the mountain biking community and the community recreation and planning staff?*

Chairman Wimmer noted that committee members are in the initial phase of establishing a relationship with mountain bike community. He suggested the committee focus on this effort after the application is submitted.

Mr. Seegmiller commented that he attended a meeting with Southern Nevada Biking Mountain Association.

*Question 76. Does your community routinely conduct pre/post evaluations of bicycle-related road projects?*

It was suggested to say there are no comments on the vast majority of the road improvements.

*Question 86. Describe any other programs or policies that your community uses to evaluate and/or plan bicycling conditions, programs, and facilities. (500 word limit)*

It was suggested that Henderson needs to view ourselves as a bike friendly community and the attitude should be we are not reaching to be a bike-friendly community, we already are a bike-friendly community. Regarding trail counts, staff is finalizing this information to add to the application.

*Question 87. What are the three primary reasons your community deserves to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community?*

On Reason 2, it was suggested to add language that the culture for biking in Henderson is good and growing. Henderson is a great place to ride a bike!

The UPRR Trail has not been highlighted anywhere in this application. A suggestion was made to add language in one of the reasons about the history to construct this trail, signage is incredible, this trail provides connectivity to communities; and it is a safe place to commute, exercise, and train. Be more specific about the trails and submit photographs. Possibly to add a picture of the Bicycle Committee members to the application.

On aspect 3 to expand the Bike Henderson Program, it was suggested to highlight individuals such as saying the city manager and all City departments are engaged, and mention that the internal bicycle committee is represented by multiple departments. The city manager rides his bike to work and participates in various bike events.

*Question 89. Has completing this application made you more aware of what your community needs to do to be bicycle friendly?*

Possibly add a sixth objective that we need more established bike routes and signage.

*Question 90. Are you planning any new projects based on your completion of the Bicycle Friendly Community application?*

Add innovative projects like the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) and a major east/west commuter corridor along Warm Springs Road.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Floth submitted a photograph of the assignment to take neighbors or friends for a ride. Mr. Seegmiller commented that he has ten people committed to ride Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Nielsen submitted two favorite solo routes to staff.

Next steps will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **b. Staff Report**

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

Mr. Jarvis reported that upcoming events include the Stroll n' Roll and the Henderson Bike Swap and Ride. He noted that the Bike Henderson contact link will be placed back on the first page.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Olsen commented that he is interested in bringing the cycling community together and mentioned that Cycle Cross is a great event. He would like to bring a racing culture to the community and schedules weekly races at Nevada State College. He also suggested the committee and staff check out Cross Vegas.

John Holman, Chairman of River Mountain Loop Trail Partnership and the project coordinator for Vegas Valley Rim Trail, suggested contacting the Henderson Chamber of Commerce to expose National Bike Month efforts. He suggested the Trail Watch Program and tourism be mentioned more in the application. He mentioned that the Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino has a bike rack outside in the back and they will allow people to park bikes in their lobby. Regarding the Wetlands Park area, he noted that one shared trail has been extended to allow cyclists as a test.

Sherry Moore, CCSD, commented that at a future meeting, she would like to provide an overview of the Clark County School District Safe Routes to School program. She mentioned the Positive Presence program where they are giving out driver safety cards for drivers doing good things. She noted that she will provide details to staff as to how the CCSD school police can be added to Questions 4 and 62.

Chairman Wimmer asked that staff add an item on the March agenda for Sherry Moore to present the program and discuss other items that may be helpful to the committee.

**IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS**

No chairman or member comments were presented.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 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 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tedie Jackson,  
Minutes Clerk