

**CITY OF HENDERSON  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 20, 2014**

**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  
Dawn Nielsen  
Steve Raucher (arrived at 4:09 p.m.)  
Scott Seegmiller

Absent: Nanette Hilton  
Paul Schmitt (excused)

Staff: Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III  
Derek Allen, Planner  
Sheri Ferguson, Asst. Director of Parks and Recreation  
Brent Gunson, Assistant City Attorney III  
Tedie Jackson, Council and Commission Services Reporter

### **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**

No comments were presented by the public.

### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Approval of the Minutes for January 16, 2014 and February 20, 2014, Regular Meetings**

Regarding the February 20, 2014, page 4, first paragraph following bullet points, Chairman Wimmer noted that a sentence should be added that there ought to be a mechanism to get right-of-ways donated so trails could be built.

(Motion) Mr. Seegmiller introduced a motion to approve the January 16, 2014, minutes as presented; and the February 20, 2014, as amended. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Chairman Wimmer declared the motion carried.

#### **b. Report on Bicycle Friendly Community Application and Assignments**

Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III, reported that the Bicycle Friendly Community application has been submitted and staff expects to know the result by May. Staff will place the updated version on the Web page. He noted that the City of Las Vegas and City of Mesquite also submitted applications.

It was suggested to place an item on the May agenda to discuss how the results will be announced.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Chairman Wimmer noted that there is currently a four-way stop at the intersection of Paradise Hills Drive and Dawson Avenue; however, one stop sign would be sufficient.

A concern was noted that visibility is impaired due to shrubs and bushes in a planter near the trail at I-215 and Gibson Road. A solution may be to educate cyclists, possibly, add in a yield sign or something to slow motorist traffic, or cut back the landscaping.

Staff will pass on these comments to traffic department and they can conduct an analysis to determine the appropriate signage.

Mr. Jarvis noted similar concerns at other locations such as I-215 and Pecos Road, and he reported that staff is working with a consultant to identify ways to enhance these areas. It was suggested that the consultant consider installing activated signals near the end of trails.

Mr. Jarvis said the Henderson Bicycle Map is almost completed and shows many trails cyclists may not be aware of. Staff will display this map at the next meeting.

Mr. Seegmiller provided staff with an article entitled “Ted Talks” about the successes the City of New York has with their bicycle trails. He suggested Committee members read this article.

Mr. Floth reported that he attended the National Bike Summit and suggested the Committee discuss starting a NICA program in Henderson. The National Interscholastic Cycling Association develops high school mountain biking programs for student-athletes across the United States. He pointed out the Single Track High video is really cool and inspirational, and he will be involved in starting a club at Foothill High School.

**b. Staff Report**

**1. Staff update on City Sponsored Initiatives and requests from Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Brent Gunson, Assistant City Attorney II, reported that public participation can take place as long as the topic is stated on the agenda item. He noted that the discussion cannot stray to a deliberation, and the Committee needs to be careful about discussing a potential action item. Any possible action items must be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Chairman Wimmer thanked Mr. Gunson for his research and asked that “public comment” be added to the agenda item.

Mr. Jarvis reported that the Bicycle Swap and Ride is Saturday, March 29, 2014. The ride is from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 and the event is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to attend and/or volunteer. Two local bike shops will be attending.

National Bike Month is May and the City's slogan is: "Bike it or hike it." Staff has sent out mailings to numerous businesses encouraging them to see healthy aspect of cycling, discover our trails, and promote cycling activities for the month. The grand prize for the drawing is a beach cruiser, which will be on display in City Hall during April and May.

Mr. Jarvis reported that in attended congressional meetings, there was an interesting focus on advocacy and cycling. He also said NDOT has several items through a grant process and the City wants to receive blinking headlights.

The City is following recent Supreme Court ruling that underlying property at railroads is a problem and increases the cost of trails. Staff is waiting on what direction will be given on a national level.

Concerns were expressed about motorcycles on trails, and a suggestion was made that banners or signs be used to give cyclists advanced notice regarding construction on trails.

**c. Discussion on committee future goals, emphasis, and assignment**

Chairman Wimmer distributed and reviewed a list of suggestions of goals from the last meeting.

The following suggestions were discussed:

- Suggested to invite a representative, Brenda Warner, from BLM to a future meeting to discuss mountain biking trails
- Would City sponsor a mountain biking meeting?
- Improve the Henderson Cycling website
- Work on education and advocacy to strengthen the Bicycle-Friendly application when we reapply
- Implement a bike exchange program in Henderson
- Create a better relationship and possibly partner with Henderson bike shops

Mr. Jarvis commented that staff is researching opportunities to build new trails within Black Mountain master plan.

The Committee members committed to talk to employees/owners of Henderson Bike Shops and invite them to the next meeting.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were presented by the public.

**IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Floth reported that a traffic course is being offered on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at CT Sewell Elementary School and he noted that this course is full. He also said NDOT is providing 1,000 blinking lights to law enforcement agencies. Police officers will give a light to a cyclist instead of a ticket. Law mandates that lights are required on the front of bikes during dark hours.

Regarding a question as to whether an enclosed bike locker will be installed at McCullough Hills Trail, Mr. Jarvis noted a concern of liability and damage to the lock, and who would be responsible to repair any damage.

In relation to the possibility of having paid lockers at UNLV for students to park bikes in a secure location, a suggestion was made to discuss this issue with UNLV parking staff.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for April 17, 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,

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Tedie Jackson, Council and  
Commission Services Reporter