

**CITY OF HENDERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 15, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Paul Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:10 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 (via teleconference)
Paul Schmitt
Ron Floth
Steve Raucher

Absent: Nanette Hilton
Dawn Nielsen (excused)
Steve Raucher (excused)

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

Guest: Sherie Moore, Clark County School District

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented by the public.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Minutes for March 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014 Regular Meetings

(Motion) Mr. Seegmiller introduced a motion to approve the March 20, 2014 and April 17, 2014, minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Floth. The vote favoring approval was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Schmitt declared the motion carried.

b. Report on Bicycle Friendly Community Application and Assignments

Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III, reported that the City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, and City of Mesquite received a bronze-level designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Additional feedback on the City's application is forthcoming from the League of American Bicyclists. Staff will review it and look for opportunities to advance and establish a timetable for the resubmittal.

There was a consensus that the bronze-level designation is a great accomplishment and it is important to share this information through press releases, social media, and biking clubs.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion on the proliferation of illegal social trails.

A general discussion occurred regarding the proliferation of illegal social trails throughout the community. It was identified that a reoccurring problem is in the Sloan Canyon Conservation Area on BLM owned land. Vice-Chairman Schmitt reported that the Southern Nevada Mountain Biking Association (SNMBA) is willing to meet share their successes and failures in other communities working on similar issues. They would also like to discuss adopting trails, repairing trails, adding new trails, volunteer efforts, and the mountain biking culture.

Mr. Jarvis explained that the City of Henderson is focusing limited resources and efforts on City-owned property and responsibilities. The proliferation of social trails in other jurisdictions needs to be addressed by the responsible agency.

There are several existing mountain biking areas within the City that have existing and long term maintenance needs/concerns as well. These include McCullough Hills Trail, Anthem East Trails, Amargosa Trail, and the soft surface trails at Whitney Mesa Recreation Area. There are also opportunities for construction of new trails in the Black Mountain Area on Henderson owned property as outlined in the Black Mountain Open Space Master Plan.

Mr. Jarvis advised committee members they can work on their own as private citizens regarding any trails outside the City of Henderson jurisdiction or maintenance responsibility, just not as official representatives of the Henderson Bicycle Advisory Committee. He suggested the committee research volunteer organizations to address issues regarding maintaining Henderson trails and developing new trails.

Responding to questions about the Anthem East trail, Mr. Jarvis said staff needs to do further research on how to improve this trail.

A suggestion was made to set up a workshop with SNMBA or invite them to the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Schmitt said he will meet with the SNMBA before the next meeting.

b. 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:

- More educational classes in Henderson
- Ten-hour class
- Skills test in traffic
- Schedule more 123 classes offered by League
- Encourage participation in the National Bike Challenge
- Determine the bicycling culture in Henderson
- Need families and students to create a commuter culture
- Enhance biking culture
- Address safety concerns of riding in bike lanes
- Focus on bike corridors away from busy streets
- Schedule bike events with kids
- Organize bike rides to be sponsored by local Henderson bike shops

c. Staff Report

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

Mr. Jarvis reported that the updated Henderson Bike Map is completed shows roadway and trail networks. Regarding permitting for events, the Regional Open Space and Trails Committee is researching uniformity throughout the valley. He noted that staff is always interested in making the permitting more efficient.

d. Discussion on committee future goals, emphasis, and assignment

The goals outlined on a handout were reviewed and a suggestion was made that the goals be specific. The following goals were briefly discussed:

- Create opportunities to engage social groups
- Provide solutions for community involvement in promoting, building, and adopting existing and new soft trails
- Educate community (local bike shops to put together a curriculum for the community)
- Reach out to bike shops to get their support for bike safety for kids and adults

A suggestion was made that the Committee should review the scoring on the Bicycle Friendly Community application and adjust the goals as needed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented by the public.

IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Floth distributed the new RTC Bike Map to members.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, Vice-Chairman Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson, Council and
Commission Services Reporter