

**CITY OF HENDERSON
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL

Mr. 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 5:22 p.m.)
Steve Raucher (arrived at 4:21 p.m.)
Scott Seegmiller

Absent: Dawn Nielsen
Paul Schmitt

Staff: Shari Ferguson, Asst. Director of Parks and Recreation
Rose Fuscaldo, Admin. Assistant III
Scott Jarvis, Project Engineer III
Tedie Jackson, Minutes Clerk

Guests: Bob Croak

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Motion) Mr. Floth 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 October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

(Motion) Mr. Floth introduced a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2013, 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, reported that the Bicycle Friendly Community application is due February 14, 2014. He noted that there are copies of applications from Salt Lake City, Utah and Tempe, Arizona to compare with the City of Henderson application.

Due to concerns that the application for Salt Lake City is dated 2010 and the application for Tempe, Arizona is dated 2011, Mr. Jarvis will contact the League of American Bicyclists to obtain the most recent applications.

Mr. Jarvis also reported that the League has changed the look of the application and updated certain sections. He distributed a copy of the updated application.

Chairman Wimmer commented that the Committee members need to develop a strategy to submit by the deadline. He asked staff to submit a draft to the members for review before the next meeting. It is important that back-up material be provided to the members early so they have time to review the material.

Ms. Ferguson commented that members can provide changes to the application at the December meeting. Staff will make all the changes and submit a final draft for the January meeting. She also noted that the marketing department will prepare the final draft.

The committee members reviewed the following questions:

Question 13

Mr. Jarvis commented that it would be helpful to add relationships with advocacy groups to strengthen the application. Staff will also provide suggested agencies and groups.

The following advocacy groups were suggested to be added to this question:

- Las Vegas Bicycle Coalition
- Regional Transportation Commission with Mr. Floth as a contact
- Outside Las Vegas with Mr. Wimmer as a contact
- Las Vegas Bicycle Coalition
- Vegas Women's Racers

Question 38

Mr. Jarvis asked that Committee members provide information to staff and expand the answer for this question.

Question 45

Mr. Jarvis asked that Committee members add information to this answer.

The following suggestions were made to add to this answer:

- Information for the Boys and Girls Club
- The Bike Shop and McGhie's offer monthly rides for women and training classes
- Pedal for Pooches Ride
- Senior cycling programs such as Senior Olympics
- Inexpensive headlights and taillights are purchased for the Police Department to give to cyclists
- Providing flashing blinking lights to youth groups and underserved groups
- University Medical Center (UMC) partners with Kohl's Care Foundation to provide helmets at events
- Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) provides helmets at events

A discussion ensued regarding how to pursue this area. It was suggested to do further education and offer cycling classes at recreation centers. Regarding the possibility of scheduling presentations at senior centers to promote cycling, it was suggested to use stationary bikes to mitigate safety concerns.

Mr. Jarvis commented that the educational aspect of the questionnaire needs to be enhanced with community synergy information. He noted that the number of high-resolution photos is now unlimited so staff will submit photographs of City events and trails. Members will also provide photos to include with the application.

Question 20

Mr. Floth suggested adding NAPCO Bikeways Design Guide Workshop that was hosted by the RTC.

Regarding a question that addresses “Do your planners or engineer’s regularly ride facilities by bike,” Mr. Floth said the bike tour satisfied that.

Question 44

Mr. Floth commented that he met with the manager of the BRT line from Boulder City through Henderson and sent her curriculum ideas and links to videos for driver training.

Mr. Floth reported that at the Bike Board meeting, he met with Diana Hollander, who is in charge of the school bus driver training. He will meet with her and provide curriculum ideas and links to videos for driver training.

It was noted that the list of bicycle friendly businesses will be updated. The City of Las Vegas City Hall, Cashman Equipment, and Las Vegas Cyler were identified as a bicycle friendly business at the bronze level. The Bike Shop was identified at the silver level.

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 the Committee members can provide feedback from other riders in the community that can be helpful to the City on an ongoing basis.

Chairman Wimmer noted that the new signs on the railroad trails are awesome and list nearby streets with directional arrows showing the distance to key locations.

Ms. Hilton asked if it is possible to put signage on remote trails (River Mountain Trail) for what to do in case of an accident.

Shari Ferguson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that this signage is provided on the McCullough and Amargosa trails. It is a new standard to have this information on all the remote trails. She said staff is working on a grant from the Health District to pay for those kinds of signs.

Mr. Jarvis noted that the Henderson Fire Department has an off-road vehicle to access remote areas, and the vehicle has the ability to carry a stretcher.

A member commented on a social trail near the top of the Anthem East Trail with a renegade sign called the Sidewinder Trail.

Due to a concern that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is decommissioning these trails, it was suggested to invite a BLM representative to a future meeting to discuss these trails.

Responding to a question by Chairman Wimmer regarding the Armargosa Trail, Mr. Jarvis stated that current construction is nearly complete, but he noted that there are numerous segments, including a bridge, that will be completed by private land owners upon development.

Ms. Hilton asked to be notified when a trail is completed to capitalize that information on their marketing materials. She suggested that any new section of trails should be emailed to bike shops. She also asked if staff can send McGhie's City of Henderson Trail Maps.

Ms. Ferguson replied that staff is in the process of updating the master trail maps so we are currently low on stock of trail maps.

Chairman Wimmer suggested that trail surfaces should be identified on the map so riders know what kind of bike to ride on the trail.

Ms. Hilton suggested that high-definition PDFs of maps be provided to bike shops so the shop can enlarge the map and place on walls.

Chairman Wimmer also suggested that people be able to break down long trails into several pieces.

Mr. Floth commented that the RTC is in the process of revamping their map. He suggested that the map legend should include bathrooms and water locations. He noted that other cities are changing the designation for bike lanes, routes, bike compatible streets to comfort levels.

b. Staff Report

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

Mr. Jarvis provided an update that the Stroll n' Roll event was very successful with the help of over 100 volunteers. He noted that vendors ran out of food and City resources and staffing were stretched very thin. Staff received positive feedback, and found areas to improve on for a repeat event scheduled for April 12, 2014.

It was noted that staff members visited Los Angeles to participate in their version of a ciclovia. It was noted that theirs is more business and rider-oriented compared to the Henderson Stroll n' Roll, which is more family-oriented.

Responding to questions as to extending the ride further, Mr. Jarvis noted that staff is considering options to extend the ride east to Cornerstone and west to St. Rose Parkway.

Ms. Hilton commented that she loved the family orientation of the event and closing the streets off; however, she suggested the ride be extended for cyclists. She noted that McGhie's could be at one end and help promote this event.

Suggestions were made that the City should publish the bike routes to get to the next Stroll n' Roll event, and provide off-site parking for people to ride to the event.

Responding to a question by Chairman Wimmer regarding whether there is any progress on the railroad trail, Mr. Jarvis said staff has been in correspondence with BLM and is awaiting their evaluation and response. He noted that there are property rights and legal issues to be worked out. He explained that the corridor is not owned by the City of Henderson, and heading north, the railroad has an easement right.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Croak, no address given, suggested adding the Boy Scouts Cycling Merit Badge to one of the questions on the application.

IX. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER COMMENTS

A suggestion was made that an agenda item for the February meeting be to continue discussing ways to enhance cycling in the community.

X. SET NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was scheduled for December 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 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tedie Jackson,
Minutes Clerk