



Minutes
Bicycle Advisory Commission
Community Chambers
23 Russell Blvd
Monday, November 3, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Berg - Chair, Jack Kenward - Vice Chair,
Earl Bossard, Alan Jackman, Angel York, Kelli O'Neill,
David Takemoto-Weerts (ex officio)

Commissioners Absent: Virginia Matzek

Staff Liaison: Tara Goddard, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Other Staff Present: Bob Clarke, City Engineer
Will Marshall, Assistant City Engineer
Katherine Hess, Director, Community Development Department

Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes for September and October 2008

Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Commission and Staff Announcements

Staff:

- Bob Clarke reported that, weather permitting, work would be starting on November 4 to remove the fence north of Harper Junior High School and Covell Boulevard.
- Tara Goddard reported that work was about to commence on the F Street Crossing Project. She explained that the City is installing an all-way stop at the intersection of Da Vinci Court and Research Park Drive, because it is one a major bicycle corridor.

Commission:

- David Takemoto-Weerts described the successful US Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, put on by the California Bicycle Museum, the City of Davis, and UC Davis.
- Angel York mentioned the changes at the Bicycle Church.

4. Council Liaison Comments

None.

5. Public Communications

- John Whitehead noted that there is no covered bicycle parking at City Hall.
- Jonathan Woolley, Sarah McCullough, Cat, and Chris Salam from the Davis Bike Church updated the Commission on the current status of the Church's eviction from the Domes housing area of campus. They discussed the role of bicycle cooperatives in a community, described the mission of the Bike Church, and described the events that led to their current eviction notice. As a result, the Bike Church is reaching out to the larger Davis community. Commissioner Berg alerted them to the Center for Appropriate Transport in Eugene, Oregon. He told them that the Commission is generally supportive of the Bike Church mission, but the Church will need to work with City staff to see how they can work together. Vice-Chair Kenward suggested that the Church get in touch with Grace House, a local group that assists the homeless.
- Leo Rainier of Davis Bicycles! expressed Davis Bicycles! support for the Bike Church.

6. Consent Calendar

None.

7. Grande Subdivision – Bicycle/Pedestrian Path (Marshall)

Will Marshall updated the Commission on the Grande project, a subdivision on a currently empty lot in Davis. He explained that residents, working with the DJUSD who owns the site, had asked for a bicycle path along the west side of the lot, to replace the dirt "rabbit trail" that has developed from years of use. Staff feel that placing the bike path in a location that encourages wrong-way travel is unsafe and undesirable, and are recommending directing bicycles to continue southward into the site on a new street, and then having them join a bike path midway down the site, and be able to connect to destinations southward.

Commissioner Bossard asked about bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the east side of the site. Mr. Marshall explained that there will be a path with 10 feet paved for shared use, and five feet of decomposed granite (DG) alongside.

8. Major Projects Funding Program (Clarke)

Bob Clarke gave an overview of the Major Projects Funding Program. He explained that staff recommends no longer pursuing projects A27, A31, A34 or A35. The Commission discussed several of the projects, and possibilities for changes. Commissioner Bossard asked Mr. Clarke for a map of the projects, and Mr. Clarke agreed to provide it at the next meeting. The Commission asked Mr. Clarke to bring the MPFP list back at the December meeting as an Action Item.

9. Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Program (Goddard)

Tara Goddard described that staff recommend applying for one of four projects in this round of the Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funding program (Caltrans): improvements to the H Street Tunnel, improvements to the railroad crossings at 4th, 5th and 8th Streets, improvements to the north side of the Birch Lane access for schoolchildren, and install gravel shoulders along the Putah Creek path between the I-80 tunnel and the UPRR tunnel. She requested that the BAC amend the existing Comprehensive Bicycle Plan to include the projects, and thus make them eligible for funding.

Ken Celli, a Davis resident, requested that the City apply for funds to construct access ramps from the Dave Pelz Overcrossing to the old US40 bicycle path. He explained that, since Target is being built, access is even more important. Since the BTA is infrastructure-focused, Leo Rainier asked whether there were other opportunities to fund the planning and engineering study required before access to US40 can be built.

Commissioner Angel York made a motion to amend the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan to include the four projects. Vice-Chair Jack Kenward seconded.

10. Commission Work Plan (Berg)

Postponed until future meeting.

11. Long Range Calendar Review

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.