



Minutes
Bicycle Advisory Commission
Veteran's Memorial – Club Room
203 – East 14th Street
Monday, October 20, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Berg - Chair, Jack Kenward - Vice Chair, Alan Jackman, Angel York, Virginia Matzek, David Takemoto-Weerts (ex officio)

Commissioners Absent: Earl Bossard, Kelli O'Neill

Staff Liaison: Tara Goddard, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Other Staff: Bob Clarke, City Engineer
Michael Webb, Principal Planner, Community Development Department

Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald

1. **Swearing in of New Bicycle Advisory Commissioners**
Commissioners old and new introduced themselves, and Tara Goddard swore in the new Commissioners.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Agenda approved by consensus.
3. **Commission and Staff Announcements**
Staff:
 - Ms. Goddard reported that the Grande Subdivision Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility would be on the November BAC agenda. She related that staff released the Alternative Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study Request for Proposals, and that proposals are due November 5, 2008. She also mentioned that grant application deadlines for the Bicycle Transportation Account are December 1, 2008, and that staff would bring their recommendations for grant projects at the November Commission meeting.
 - Mr. Clarke introduced himself, and gave an update on the F Street Crossing, construction of which is still slated to begin this construction season. He also related that the City has a firm under contract to remove the bicycle path fence at Harper Jr.

High School (see previous meeting minutes for history), and that repair of the roadway is slated to start at the end of October. Detour signs will re-route bicyclists away from the construction. Mr. Clarke also described that Caltrans committed to funding a study at the Mace Boulevard overcrossing, and we are awaiting details now that the Legislature passed the state budget.

Commission:

- Mr. Takemoto-Weerts reminded the Commission and the public about the California Bicycle Museum, open at the 3rd and B City Building on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Staff Goddard recognized David for his hard work and late nights on the project. Mr. Takemoto-Weerts also reminded the group about the US Bicycling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on November 2 at Freeborn Hall.
- Chair Berg passed out a copy of his draft Commission Work Plan, and also explained that the Commission will need to adopt any projects before grant applications are submitted. Commissioner Matzek inquired about the update frequency of the bicycle plan.

4. Council Liaison Comments

Councilmember Sue Greenwald introduced herself to the new Commissioners, and related that the Davis Downtown Business Association (DDBA) recently discussed bicycle parking. She also explained that the DDBA sees the new “pay for parking” lot downtown to be a success.

5. Public Communications

John Whitehead explained his concerns about the methodology, including lack of considerations for bicycles, in the 30-day Carbon Diet Program with which the City is involved. Mr. Whitehead also noted that airline miles are included in online calculators, and asked whether the City should be promoting local vacations.

Russell Reagan talked about the recent Davis Bicycles! Film Festival, including the feature film, Ken Celli’s movie about the need for ramps from the Dave Pelz overcrossing to the old US 40 bicycle route. Mr. Reagan also noted that Davis Bicycles! is considering some priority efforts in the next year.

Joe Krovoza of Davis Bicycles! explained that he would share the DVD from the film festival with the Commission. He suggested that the Commission should make a statement about the Carbon Diet not including bicycles. Mr. Krovoza also described his concern about lack of coordination between the City and the campus on the West Village Plan, in particular bicycle and pedestrian circulation and safety along the Russell corridor. Councilmember Greenwald explained that this should be a discussion item for the next City/UCD Long Range Development Plan “2x2.”

Sue Greenwald (speaking as a “resident”) discussed the need for jobs-housing balance, and explained her opinion that the Cannery Park site should remain light industrial for high-tech use. She noted that the Cannery Park site will be discussed at City Council on December 2, 2008.

6. Consent Calendar

None.

7. 5th Street Study (Clarke)

City Engineer Clarke gave a short history of the project, and explained that the public “open house” workshops are scheduled for November 20 from 6 pm to 9 pm and December 4 from 6 pm -9 pm, both at the Holmes Junior High Multipurpose room.

Mr. Takemoto-Weerts asked staff to clarify the “road diet” concept. Chair Berg explained that the road diet is just one possible solution. He reminded everyone that the adopted Bicycle Plan calls for bike lanes on all arterials and collectors, and this project figures into the concept of “Complete Streets,” legislation for which was recently passed by the State.

The Commission continued to offer input on policy related to the project, as well as specific issues that need addressing. The public also contributed specific ideas about what might improve bicycle circulation across town and near/into downtown.

Issues raised by Commissioners or the public included:

- a. Any change to 5th Street will affect surrounding areas – consider this in analysis phase.
- b. Make 5th Street bicycle accessible.
- c. Downtown should be more accessible to/from the North and West for bicyclists.
- d. Need to provide a safe North/South crossing for pedestrians and bicycles.
- e. Study area should cover at least from B Street to the RR tracks and from First Street to Eighth Street.
- f. Consider improvements to Fourth Street to serve as a bicycle corridor instead of accommodating bikes on Fifth Street.

8. Major Projects Funding Program (Clarke)

Tabled until November meeting.

9. Draft Bike Plan Implementation (Goddard)

Tabled until future meeting.

10. Long Range Calendar Review

Tabled until November meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.