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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2011 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *March 24, 2011*

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

1) "Multi Use Paths in Santa Fe: Accessibility & Social Networking" (Worcester Polytechnic Institute Students)

2) Review of the updated Draft Bikeways and Trails Map

G. DISCUSSION

1) Discussion and Action regarding the Gail Ryba Bike Trail Dedication Resolution (Bob Siqueiros)

2) La Tierra Master Plan Update Presentation and Discussion (Bob Siqueiros & Claudia Horn).

3) Continued Presentation and Discussion regarding Bike Art "kaleidospoke" (Vanessa Wilde).

4) Bike Friendly Community Application Update (Bob Siqueiros)

5) On-Road Subcommittee Appointments; Jim Harrington & Abe Franklin (Bob Siqueiros)

6) BTAC Subcommittee Updates

- Multi-Use Trails
- On-Road
- Mountain Bike
- Bike Education and Outreach
- La Tierra (NWQ)

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1) BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Council Chambers
April 28, 2011**

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee, was called to order by Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair, on April 28, 2011, at approximately 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair
Gretchen Grogan
Ron Pacheco
Tomas Rivera
Shelly Robinson

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Longworth
Alicia Martinez
Lisa Miles

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Siqueiros, City of Santa Fe
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Ron Pacheco moved, seconded by Gretchen Grogan, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote, with Frank Herdman absent for the vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 24, 2011

MOTION: Ron Pacheco moved, seconded by Gretchen Grogan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2011, as submitted.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

A copy of "An Important Invitation," to a presentation by the International Mountain Bike Association [IMBA], in May 2011, the first presentation on May 5, 2011, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Zocolo Community Clubhouse, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Margaret Alexander reminded the Committee about the IMBA presentation on Thursday, May 5, 2011, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Zocolo. She said a printed invitation is required, and gave each member an invitation. She said the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe already has logged 350 volunteers hours on trails in the Santa Fe area – City, County and Forest Service BLM Trails. It has been a very successful year and they have just gotten started.

Chair Bushee asked for additional invitations to pass on to other people.

Cat Downing, 2673 Chelsea Lane, said she will be attending the IMBA event on Thursday afternoon, "Better Living Through Trails." She received her League of American Cyclists Bicycle Friendly Blueprint Manual, which contain all of the steps to attain gold status. She said, "The race is on. Las Cruces just got bronze status." She presented copies of the Blueprint Manual to the Committee, noting she punched them to fit in their notebook, and said she has actual notebooks for Mr. Siqueiros and staff.

Chair Bushee thanked Ms. Downing for pursuing this.

Ms. Downing said two weeks ago, Santa Fe acquired two new League Cycling Instructors for the League of American Cyclists, noting she and Steve are now instructors. Responding to Mr. Pacheco, Ms. Downing said they are trained to teach safe cycling, smart cycling, and there are different levels of courses which can be presented to both children and adults. She said there are 5 other certified instructors, for a total of 7.

Mr. Pacheco congratulated them on this accomplishments.

Frank Herdman arrived at the meeting

Ms. Downing said she was at La Tierra last week, in the morning, and two City maintenance trucks pulled up and, 6 people got out and they cleaned up the place, and she said she wanted to say thanks. They're doing a great job out there.

Mr. Siqueiros asked if Las Cruces had honorable mention before attaining bronze, and Ms. Downing said they did.

Vanessa Wilde, Project Director, Bike Art "Kaleidospoke," said a lot has happened since the last meeting and she is about to advertise Kaleidospoke. She would like BTAC to assist her in a police escorted ride from the Plaza to the CCA during the opening of the event. She said any "suggestions or help in that direction would be amazing."

Chair Bushee asked if she needs a police escort.

Ms. Wilde said no, she thought it would be a good idea to get the community together to make it much safer and to include children and families.

Chair Bushee suggested she ask Mr. Siqueiros to contact the Bicycle Officers at the Santa Fe Police Department in this regard.

Mr. Pacheco said at the last meeting he mentioned to the Bicycle Officer that this event is happening, so he is aware, but needs more details.

Ms. Wilde said she will pursue this.

Ms. Wilde said they do Monday bicycle rides, meeting at the Plaza, in conjunction with Kaleidospoke. She said she started a "Kick Starter," which is a website which is used for fundraising, noting the link is on the paper. She expressed appreciation to the Committee for its assistance.

Chair Bushee reminded everyone "Bike to Work Week," will be happening before the next meeting, and said Ms. Wilde should be participating in that as well.

Mr. Siqueiros said Ms. Wilde has been attending the meetings.

Guthrie Miller said he sent emails to the Chair and the Committee. Mr. Miller said, "I just want to present one person's, once citizen's point of view. First of all, I do appreciate the work of this Committee, and am grateful to be in a community that has such a committee working to promote other means of communication besides automobiles. I live right next to this proposed trail. It is 0.4 miles long, 300 feet from Camino Lejo. It goes from Old Pecos Trail to Camino Corrales. I don't know what it's going to look like, but it's proposed to be a concrete trail. And most people, everyone I've talked to, you know, I haven't made a survey of the neighborhood, but everyone I've casually talked to says, 'Why. What in the world are they thinking about.' It's like a trail to nowhere. At any rate, just some feedback on this... I'm very disappointed because I often walk there and it's a very beautiful, natural feel, walking on that path, and that will be diminished greatly by having a large concrete structure like that. The Botanical Garden is using crushed fines on the rest of their path, so this will be inconsistent with the feel and esthetic of the Botanical Gardens. We have to look at the cost of this. I mean... I'm trying to understand why this is going ahead. I really can't think of a reason. Even if you didn't spend your budget, I think it would be better not to build a concrete trail. We can look at the carbon footprint of that much concrete... it's probably 200 tons of CO₂."

Mr. Miller continued, "There seems to be no logic in terms of connecting with other trails. The east side of town is perfectly fine for bicycling as it is, and Lejo is a good bicycle street. It's narrow. It has speed bumps. I bicycle there all the time, and I would just encourage that the priority of this Committee be to acquire rights-of-way that allow connections to be made, off road connections, and this right-of-way is already existing. It is in hand. There is no reason to do anything with that. And I've talked in front of this Committee before about this situation from Armenta to Burger Street, it's just down the street, it's a quarter mile away. It's almost exactly the same length, 0.4 miles, and on the east side of Old Pecos Trail there's no sidewalk. Clearly that's an important place to have non-automobile access for bicycling and walking. And here, you're putting the money on this super highway bicycle trail that doesn't really connect to anything. So, hopefully, I would really like to see that situation on Old Pecos Trail corrected in the future if it can be. So, anyway, thanks for your efforts though in general."

Chair Bushee said she understands that stretch of Old Pecos Trail is too narrow.

Mr. Siqueiros said he is referring to the trail from Old Pecos Trail to Camino Lejo, which is the one on which they had to come back and get clarification on the direction. He said the reason it is a hard surface is because of ADA requirements for accessibility.

Chair Bushee said we really can't build a trail that isn't ADA accessible.

Mr. Miller said the City didn't build a sidewalk on the east side of Old Pecos Trail, but it did put up a little barrier, so in order to ride your bicycle to ride on the dirt you have to jump the little barrier. He said was told by John Romero, Traffic Engineering, the reason that was done was fear of an ADA lawsuit – if they build something only for the able bodied they are open to lawsuit. He said, "Something is wrong here, because if you actually look, we're not getting ADA usage because things are not connecting. I mean, it doesn't make any sense. It's just stupid."

Chair Bushee said the City has built several new things, even by the River Trail with railings, primarily for ADA, which really inhibits good, safe bike riding in some situations. She said we have had this same lament up here.

Mr. Miller said let's look at it reasonably, noting he is in favor of ADA access, but asked "How can there be any ADA access, it doesn't connect anywhere."

Chair Bushee said she appreciates him coming to the meeting and following this issue.

Mr. Siqueiros said he and Leroy Pacheco read the emails, and if Mr. Guthrie wants to come to the office they will meet with him for 30-40 minutes, and explain the whole layout, noting this will connect eventually, but it will be piecemeal.

Chair Bushee suggested Mr. Miller email Mr Siqueiros and set up an appointment to discuss this issue.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

**1) MULTI USE PATHS IN SANTA FE ACCESSIBILITY & SOCIAL NETWORKING."
(WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE STUDENTS)**

A copy of the power point presentation, *Multi-Use Trails in Santa Fe: Accessibility and Social Networking*, prepared by Worcester Polytechnic Institute Students Julia Krebs, Michael De Anda, Kunal Chawla and Nikole Connor, in collaboration with Roy Roth, Santa Fe Complex, Keith Wilson and Mark Tibbets of the Santa Fe MPO, and Maggie McNabb from the University of Art and Design, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Councilor Bushee thanked the students for their work, and said she hopes they have enjoyed their visit to Santa Fe. She asked for copies of any documents they have produced.

*Councilor Bushee departed the meeting and
Vice-Chair Frank Herdman assumed the duties of the chair*

Julia Krebs, Michael De Anda, Kunal Chawla, and Nikole Connor presented information via power point. Please see Exhibit "2" for specifics of this presentation.

The students invited the Committee to attend their final presentation on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at the Santa Fe Complex, 624 Agua Fria, at 11:45 a.m.

Ms. Robinson said the group has made several presentations, and asked who is attending those.

Mr. DeAnda said they get a lot of bicycle users at the meetings.

Ms. Krebs said they also have presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee, so there has been a lot of interest through them, noting several will be at the final presentation on Wednesday, and they will have all of the complete data for everyone to see.

Ms. Grogan asked what happens to "all this great work once you leave town. Is it going to get picked up by the MPO."

Ms. Krebs said they will put everything on a disk for the MPO and on line at the website so other people can view it and it will be available to the public.

Ms. Grogan asked if the Smart Phone Application is something that will come to fruition.

Mr. DeAnda said they will be leaving the design for the Smart Phone Application with the Complex, and submitting it as a candidate to create a smart phone application contest which will take place. He said they merely created the design for the phone, but they will have people who actually know how to code the phone and work on it if their design is chosen.

Ms. Grogan said then the Santa Fe Complex is sponsoring a Smart Phone competition.

Mr. De Anda said yes, and they also are submitting designs for it.

Ms. Krebs said "our design may not be chosen, but it is being submitted for people to look at and decide, oh, maybe I want to create this application for the contest, and then the Complex is offering money as an incentive to people who know how to code the applications to make them."

Ms. Robinson asked if their work on location of the bollards is to notify the City, or just to alert cyclists that it might be a shorter distance.

Ms. Krebs said Mr. Wilson asked them to look at this because the bollard spacing has been a bit of an issue and they've been changing the regulations. She said they aren't spaced correctly, a lot below the minimum and it was difficult to get the handlebars of the bicycles through some of them, and so they had to ride off the path into a bush and then get back on the trail.

Ms. Grogan asked Keith Wilson what happens now, in terms of the bollards.

Mr. Wilson said part of the work they were doing is developing a system to keep track of issues for all trails as they arise and getting them resolved. He said they anticipated bringing this information forward to Mr. Siqueiros or Fabian Chavez or whoever is in charge of rectifying these things, not with an expectation they would be "fixed overnight," but to help them to strategize/prioritize how to fix these things along the trail. He said the group also looked at areas where the vegetation was over-growing the trail. It was more a tool to help them, or anyone involved in maintenance to keep track of these issues and prioritize them.

Mr. Siqueiros said, "We really don't have a mechanism that would tell us that our bollards are not spaced correctly, unless someone tells us individually, or we do a study."

Ms. Grogan said it is good that they are able to report issues of obstruction directly to Mr. Siqueiros. She said this is great work and thanked them.

Vice-Chair Herdman thanked the group, saying he hopes they enjoyed their stay in Santa Fe.

Vice-Chair Herdman said Mr. Rivera has to leave, and there are two action items for approval, and suggested amending the agenda to hear those next.

MOTION: Tomas Rivera moved, seconded by Ron Pacheco, to reconsider the previous vote to approve the agenda and to move Items G(1) and G(5) to be heard next on the agenda, and to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

1) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE GAIL RYBA BIKE TRAIL DEDICATION RESOLUTION. (BOB SIQUEIROS).

Vice-Chair Herdman noted the latest version of the Gail Ryba Resolution is in the packet, noting it was approved by Jeanne Price of the City's Legislative Services before she retired, noting it requires BTAC approval, and then goes to Public Works, Finance and to the City Council at its second meeting in May. He said the second version came from the Outreach Committee.

Ms. Robinson asked if anyone got in touch with her family to see if they agree with this idea, and asked Ms. Dowling if she spoke with them.

Ms. Dowling said Dan Baker spoke with the family, and said they agreed, so there should be no problem.

Ms. Grogan asked if there will be signage indicating this is the Gail Ryba Trail, and Mr. Siqueiros said yes, and the Resolution calls for this.

MOTION: Ron Pacheco moved, seconded by Tomas Rivera, to approve this request..

DISCUSSION: Mr. Siqueiros said the Resolution was introduced at the last Council meeting.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked if there will be some sort of event that goes with the Resolution, noting Councilor Bushee asked the date, and asked if that is known at this time, and Mr. Siqueiros said no.

Responding to the Vice-Chair, Mr. Siqueiros said the Resolution will come back to this Committee once it is approved by the Council.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

5) ON-ROAD SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: JIM HARRINGTON AND ABE FRANKLIN. (BOB SIQUEIROS)

Ms. Grogan said she said the members of the On-Road Subcommittee wanted people on the Committee who had a history with BTAC and knew the on-road issues prior to coming onto the subcommittee. She said she spoke with Jim Harrington who agreed to serve, and she spoke with Abe Franklin and he has agreed to serve as well.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked if this is consistent with our Resolution on the number and Ms. Grogan said yes.

MOTION: Ron Pacheco moved, seconded by Gretchen Grogan, to approve these appointments.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

2) REVIEW OF THE UPDATED DRAFT BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS MAP

A copy of the draft *2011 Santa Fe Bikeways and Trails Map*, prepared by the Santa Fe MPO, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

Keith Wilson, Chief Planner, MPO, said they aren't as far along with the draft map as they thought they would be, noting GIS has been somewhat backed up. He said they would like to get feedback on the expanse of the map. He said they are broadening the range of what is in the map to include Rancho Viejo, and the Community College District. They are working on the scale needed to expand the map further north so all of the La Tierra trail is on the map, and add all the important bicycle destinations they can think of within a reasonable area. It will also show the NM 599 Rail Station. It will give a good overview of the urbanized area for navigating the roads and the trail system. He said they also are experimenting with the color of the off-road trails and multi-use paths, using green for the trails and yellow for the road systems. He said they may go back to the purple because many of the trails go through parks which are green.

Mr. Wilson said they also are showing differentiation between our major trails which meet the national standard of 10 feet wide, and the neighborhood trails which don't meet the full trail standards and will be shown as minor trails in the system.

Mr. Wilson said they are down to the last 100 maps, and propose to print 10,000 maps again. They still need to talk with printers about costs, scale, folds and such. He said the maps won't be ready for Bike to Work Week as planned, but hope to have a complete draft map for Bike to Work Week to use for the event.

Mr. Wilson said although they expanded the scale, the actual map has shrunk somewhat and the downtown area is becoming somewhat squashed. He said they are planning to do a large inset on the back of the map to show the detail of the downtown area. He said it is important to let people know how to navigate through missing pieces of the trail. They also plan to place an inset of Eldorado on the front or on the back. He said they will be going through the text on the map to see if its still relevant. They probably can keep all of it, but the text size will have to be reduced.

Mr. Wilson said there should be a final draft for review by the next meeting of BTAC. He asked Committee members to submit any proposed additions to the map which weren't on the last map, such as a specific location, or something important to the bicycling community, and they will consider putting those on the maps as well.

Mr. Wilson said the Bike to Work Week events they are sponsoring will be on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Second Street Brewery, and they will be taking a route showing

some of the new trails in place. He said it normally is a fun event, and Second Street Brewery is offering 10% off lunch for participant. He said they will send out a flyer in the next few days.

Mr. Rivera said he appreciates that the south side isn't off this map. He asked if it would be possible to include Chain-Breakers location on 5th Street, noting a lot of people ask the location.

Tomas Rivera left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Grogan said it appears that the map includes both City and County Trails.

Mr. Wilson said yes, and they will be meeting with the County to be sure they have all of the up-to-date information.

Ms. Grogan noted there is a whole new system of bike trails from the Galisteo basin which is just south of Eldorado. She said they have their own map.

Mr. Wilson said they could look at another inset on the back or on the front if possible.

Tim Rodgers, Consultant, MPO, said he will look at this, noting it could be an Eldorado/Lamy inset, noting all of the Galisteo trails are at the left lower part of the map.

Ms. Grogan said she will send him the GIS information in this regard.

Mr. Pacheco noted some roads are labeled, but not St. Francis Drive, and he would like to see that labeled, noting he gets his bearings that way.

Mr. Rodgers said the map is missing a lot of information, and he will add that.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked if there is a reference to the other detailed map of the Dale Ball Trails. He said his wife gets *Runner's Magazine*, and the last issue contained a trail running supplement, and on the cover it says: 25 Crown Jewel Trail Runs in America and Dale Ball is one of them. He said our trail is being compared to the Appalachian Trail, which is on the list, which is remarkable.

Mr. Wilson said he and Mr. Rodgers discussed the Dale Ball Trails specifically, and they discussed having a Dale Ball Trail map on the back of this map. He said at a minimum we need to include language "See Dale Ball Trail Map."

Vice-Chair Herdman said he considers this primarily as a transportation map, but it would be great for visitors to know about the other map.

Mr. Wilson said when he distributes the Bikeways Map he always includes the bike shops, or the tourist office and others, and he can include the Dale Ball Trail map as well to show people how they can get to these places on a bicycle.

Mr. Pacheco suggested including the La Tierra Trail on the map.

G. DISCUSSION

2) LA TIERRA MASTER PLAN UPDATE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION. (BOB SIQUEIROS AND CLAUDIA HORN)

A copy of an email from Claudia Horn to Robert M. Siqueiros, dated April 28, 2011, regarding LTT update for BTAC," is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4."

Mr. Siqueiros reviewed the email of April 28, 2011, from Claudia Horn. Please see Exhibit "4," for specifics of this presentation.

Responding to Ms. Robinson, said he understands some of the Councilors asked for an expansion of the ATV/MX roadway design because they thought it was too small, and we are working on that.

Ms. Robinson asked if we can find out more about the design.

Mr. Siqueiros said staff can do a formal presentation at the May 28th meeting.

Vice-Chair Herdman said, regarding the ATV/MX roadway design, when they say they are getting the roadway designed he would question whether that is premature because they haven't had the final master plan yet, but maybe not.

[Too many people talking at the same time here to transcribe.]

Vice-Chair Herdman understands there was a lot of discussion about whether the design should be increased, although perhaps they have made up their minds and are designing the details.

Ms. Robinson said that is her understanding, but the Council asked for enlargement.

Mr. Siqueiros said he doesn't know how large or the details, but he will get more information to them tomorrow on this item.

Vice-Chair Herdman would like that, noting he was hoping for more detail. He is curious about the status of discussions with the Board of Education and the Public Schools. He said the proposed master plan has trails going through School property, and if we're going to have something in late May or June, he really would like to know the status of those discussions, how well they're proceeding. He said one of the reasons he wanted this discussion today, is if they're not going well, if there is an opportunity for BTAC and the City to offer support for a particular plan of action.

Mr. Siqueiros believes if there were roadblocks, Ms. Horn would have identified them in the email.

Ms. Grogan said the email is rather ambiguous, and she has the same question.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros to request a more elaborate explanation of the meetings which have been held, and what is being contemplated for the ATV/MX roadway design in that area.

Ms. Robinson asked if the members can contact Ms. Horn directly to ask questions and the Vice-Chair said yes.

Ms. Grogan said she would rather ask Ms. Horn to provide a Memorandum so everybody isn't contacting her.

Vice-Chair Herdman said this probably would be best, and asked Mr. Siqueiros to forward an email to all members of the Committee.

Mr. Siqueiros said people can contact her any time through the subcommittee.

Vice-Chair Herdman said that would be okay, however reiterating that this should be done as a group.

Mr. Siqueiros said we can do both.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros if he would be willing to facilitate a meeting of the subcommittee and Ms. Horn, something short, to get a more detailed status report, saying he would really appreciate it.

Ms. Grogan said someone sent her a survey on the new Tierra Contenta Park, for immediate response, because they need to know about field use to be sure there are sufficient fields for soccer and such.

Mr. Siqueiros said, "She is also under contract for that for the master plan for the park."

Vice-Chair Herdman said there is a public input meeting in that regard, on Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Southside Library on Jaguar Drive.

Ms. Grogan said that is the farthest park from downtown and she wants to make sure we have trail access to that somehow in the future. It would be good to have a trail that isn't an after-thought.

Mr. Wilson said he was asked for input a few weeks ago from Mary MacDonald with regard to trails connection. He will be attending on Tuesday, which he understands is the start of the process in terms of trail planning in the area.

Mr. Siqueiros said there is funding for the master plan, but there is no money for construction at this point.

**3) CONTINUED PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING BIKE ART
"KALEIDOSPOKE." (VANESSA WILDE)**

Ms. Wilde spoke under Citizen Communications from the Floor.

4) BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY APPLICATION UPDATE. (BOB SIQUEIROS)

Mr. Siqueiros reviewed the information in his Memorandum of April 28, 2011, which is in the Committee packet. Please see this Memorandum for specifics of this presentation.

Mr. Siqueiros would like to have more education on the Bicycle ordinance in late June which is going through the process. He has prepared that information to go along with the application, noting he should have the application done by the next meeting.

Ms. Robinson asked if the new Bike section for the manual could be part of educating users.

Mr. Siqueiros said he is thinking of taking this and asking the Committee to look at this and send any and all comments to him, noting he believes he has included everything necessary. He believes we can get a bronze. He said our standing is "honorable mention," so it is good to know Las Cruces went from that status to a bronze.

Ms. Robinson asked what would be helpful from the subcommittee after its meeting.

Mr. Siqueiros said forward anything the subcommittee is working on of which he is unaware. He is going to include the sharrows maintenance and programs. He said 95% of the designs are perfect. He said the deadline for submission is June 20, 2011, but he will have it done in May.

Ms. Robinson said we are still waiting for MVD confirmation through Raul Alvarez who has a new boss, so we are in a holding pattern.

Ms. Dowling said it was sent to Tom Trowbridge, and she is going to call him and find out the status, saying we are waiting on the 5 foot law that didn't pass..

Ms. Robinson said we won't mention the 5 foot law that didn't pass in our application.

Mr. Siqueiros said he did mention that we passed a Resolution encouraging the Governor and Legislature to pass it, and he indicated in the application that it is included in the new Ordinance.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked if there has been discussion/consideration about having something on City's website about a Bicycle Friendly City which would provide a provide a format for public education about the ordinance, sharrows, or put it on the Bikeways Map so we can say we've got something out there.

Mr. Siqueiros said we can do something like this, and believes there would be no cost, noting we have access to the website and Leroy could put something together.

Vice-Chair Herdman said it could be a bike-friendly page at the City's website, and perhaps a pdf version of map, where to get it, and perhaps reference to the Dale Ball Trails, the Bicycle Ordinance – sort of a community outreach thing.

Ms. Dowling said now that we have 6-7 League Cycle instructors, they meet quarterly to plan classes, and it would be great to have a place to post everything on the training classes.

Vice-Chair Herdman said he wants this to be very easy to do, and we may need someone to commit to keep it updated regularly, and we should start saying, "Santa Fe, a Bicycle-Friendly Community," on that website.

Mr. Siqueiros said we can start on something. He said the Police Department is going to write a blurb about its Bicycle Patrol expansion, what they are doing now and in the future.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked the status of the Bicycle Ordinance.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was approved by the Public Safety and Public Works Committees, and it goes to Finance Committee on Monday, and on Wednesday to the Council for a Request to Publish. Then we wait a full 30 days, noting the first Council meeting in June will be the final hearing.

Vice-Chair Herdman encouraged everyone to attend the Council meeting on June 8, 2011, to be sure this passes.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would be good to have someone from the Committee to speak, noting if that isn't possible, Councilor Bushee will speak about the ordinance.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked if the ordinance is adopted, if there is a way to announce its passage to the Police Department, so we could say in our application that it was adopted and disseminated to the Police Officers emphasizing the new 5 foot rule – this is different and bicycles are given new rights.

Mr. Siqueiros said we have done this on other ordinances and will do it on the Escarpment Ordinance once adopted. He said he can ask the Public Relations staff to do a press release.

Vice-Chair Herdman said Stacy Matlock at The New Mexican might be willing to write about what we've done, noting she is very responsive to these kinds of things. He said we could do a press release and give it to Ms. Matlock.

Mr. Siqueiros said the ordinance will be reviewed by both Fire and Police before it goes for final approval.

Vice-Chair Herdman noted there was one minor amendment by the Public Safety Committee

dealing with the parking of bicycles on sidewalks, which was okay with him. The Ordinance currently prevents this, but the amendment provides you can as long as you don't unreasonably interfere with the flow of pedestrian traffic.

Ms. Grogan asked if the revised ordinance with this amendment will go to the Council.

Mr. Siqueiros said if this is accepted by this Committee he can say that when this is heard by the Council.

Vice-Chair Herdman noted he told the Public Safety Committee he could support that revision, which he believed was an appropriate compromise to prevent going back to the old language which would prohibit it.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros to put an update on this matter on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Ms. Grogan said there was a bullet point in the last item which says, "The Government is expected to sign the Legislation," and suggested striking that language. She attended the meeting with Mr. Herdman who did a great job on behalf of the Committee. She said some concern was expressed that such a law might force motorists into the wrong lane of traffic and that it might cause motorists to have to stop and wait or stay behind a bicyclist until it was appropriate to pass. We need to think about how to respond to these concerns.

Ms. Robinson said we need to include this in the drivers education and driving schools – to use common sense in following a bicycle and use good safety procedures.

Mr. Siqueiros said if there is only 5 feet to pass, people should not pass.

Vice-Chair Herdman said this is not unprecedented, and it is the rule in Albuquerque. Secondly, the entire NM Legislature considered it appropriate sufficiently to adopt this legislation for state-wide application, but the Governor did not agree and did not sign the legislation. He said lastly, 5 feet really isn't that much, and you are endangering the bicyclist if you don't give them at least that much room. This helps to create an objective, discernible rule that makes sure the cyclists are safe.

Mr. Pacheco said many people already give the 5 feet to bicyclist.

Mr. Siqueiros thinks people give more than 5 feet.

Ms. Dowling said the argument she found most persuasive was to consider a bicycle like a backhoe – slow down, wait and move over.

Ms. Robinson asked if a subcommittee member not on BTAC to present at the Council meeting.

Mr. Siqueiros said yes, it is a public hearing and anyone can speak to the issue.

Mr. Siqueiros will call the Councilors prior to the meeting and ask about any concerns, just so he isn't surprised at the meeting.

Vice-Chair Herdman suggested the Committee continue to have this item on the agenda and follow the application process and continue to brainstorm with Mr. Siqueiros. He said it might be good to have Stacy Matlock write something for the paper in advance of consideration of the Ordinance.

Ms. Grogan said that could be a bad idea and might generate opposition and Ms. Dowling agreed, saying we should issue the press release after adoption. She said we should encourage bicyclists to show up at the meeting.

Vice-Chair Herdman said we should wait until after it is adopted for an article, and to include a status report on the agenda at the next meeting, as a reminder to attend the Council meeting.

4) BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a) MULTI-USE TRAILS

There was no report.

b) ON-ROAD

Ms. Grogan said she has been corresponding with Jim Harrington and Dan Baker who are doing an assessment of all of the sharrows. She would like to see a full report at the next meeting on currently installed sharrows and come up with a prioritized list of those to be replaced. She understands there is no funding in the current year to replace sharrows. If we had that done by the May meeting we might get funding in July.

Mr. Siqueiros said he is looking at other funding sources, and believes there may be County funds which can be used for this purpose. He said there is \$20,000 left in the funds allocated for the Rail Trail, and if the County agrees he can use those funds for this purpose, noting this is the RPA GRTs for roads and trails.

Vice-Chair Herdman said Zane Fisher was complaining about the lack of planning of trails in Santa Fe, with a picture of La Choza with an asphalt thing next to it.

Mr. Pacheco said Mr. Fisher thought it didn't meet standards.

Ms. Robinson said he hits on trails specifically, noting he is a bicyclist.

Ms. Grogan suggested inviting him to a meeting.

Ms. Robinson said he is taking over the editor's job for a while, so this might be a good time to invite him to come to a meeting and comment.

c) MOUNTAIN BIKE

Mr. Pacheco reminded the Committee of the IMBA event that is coming up.

d) BIKE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Ms. Robinson said they haven't met, and she has been unable to contact Lisa, and she will have a report at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Herdman asked her, and the subcommittee, to follow-up with the website idea and work with City staff to put together a page at the City's web page with various features.

e) LA TIERRA (NWQ)

Vice-Chair Herdman said there is nothing to report, and they're waiting for the public hearing.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Siqueiros said he included the new Resolution expanding the scope of the Committee, and the subcommittees, which is part of the new application.

1) BTAC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION LOG. (BOB SIQUEIROS)

Mr. Siqueiros said Councilor Bushee asked that we repeal the Wilderness Gate Ordinance, and said she will introduce that at the next Council meeting, and it may be before this Committee at the May meeting.

Mr. Siqueiros said Ms. Miles referred him to some potholes on Rufina, and those were patched shortly after he looked at them.

Vice-Chair Herdman thanked Keith and Bob for their work and offering their support.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Grogan asked about the event tomorrow.

Mr. Siqueiros said it is just off Baca at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, and the Mayor will be giving Muchas Gracias.

Ms. Robinson asked the names of the 3 trail staff persons.

Mr. Siqueiros said it is himself, Leroy Pacheco, Bryan, and Eric Martinez.

Ms. Robinson said her term is ending soon, and she would like to be reappointed.

Mr. Siqueiros said she needs to tell him officially, she wants to be reappointed and he will notify the Mayor, and Ms. Robinson said, officially, she wants to be reappointed..

Mr. Pacheco said his term is also up, but he can't be reappointed, because he has a huge project at his job and won't be able to give this the appropriate issue.

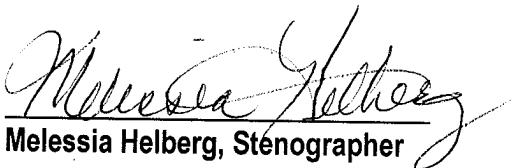
Mr. Siqueiros asked Mr. Pacheco to send him a letter to this effect.

Ms. Robinson said she believes the terms of Alicia Martinez and John Longworth also expire.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer