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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *March 22, 2012*

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F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

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- 2) Priority List Spreadsheet for the League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros).
- 3) Discussion regarding "Bike to Work Week" May 14th thru May 18th, 2012 (BFC).
- 4) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - Multi-Use Trails
 - On-Road (Sharrows Maintenance Plan)
 - Mountain Bike (IMBA Summit)
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra (NWQ)

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 1). BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:39 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair
Ms. Gretchen Grogan
Mr. Frank Herdman
Mr. John Longworth
Ms. Lisa Miles
Mr. James Ronald Pacheco
Mr. Tomás Rivera [Arriving later]
Ms. Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Ms. Alicia Martínez

Staff Present:

Mr. Bob Siqueiros
Ms. Liz Roybal

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 22, 2012

Mr. Longworth said he wasn't present at the March meeting.

Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2012 as presented. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Keely Kennemore, Santa Fé Watershed Association, talked about the Santa Fé River Trail. Mayor Coss and Mr. Tim Rogers would lead a ribbon cutting on April 28. The festivities would be from 9:30 to 11:30 and she was interested in having cyclists there between 10:00 and 10:30 for the ribbon cutting. The location was at Calle Don Jose and River Road. They would have a parade of poets, artists, musicians and children.

Chair Bushee asked if she had flyers.

Ms. Kennemore agreed and said she gave them to Mr. Siqueiros.

1. International Mountain Bike Association – World Summit Conference Update (Bob Ward)

Mr. Ward was not present to give his presentation.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

Ms. Betty Booth, Chairperson of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission, said they had been supporting the beginner course for people just learning how to mountain bike and sharing flyers. They were also connecting with media.

The Commission was also working with Zona del Sol for a public track on the south side of town. A space has been identified and they would have a work day for it April 28 and 29 and also on May 6, (CommUNITY Day).

During the last few months the Commission had been working on better communication. She asked if BTAC and the Commission could have a joint meeting to open their dialogue. She and Chair Bushee had talked about it. It was especially important since the bonds passed and they wanted to see them spent appropriately.

Mr. Pacheco said the BTAC could watch dog that to make sure it was spent as it was supposed to.

Ms. Booth said they included that in their recommendations.

Ms. Robinson asked when the Commission met when the Commission met.

Ms. Booth said they met every 3rd Tuesday at Frenchy's Field at 3-5 pm.

Chair Bushee said they had hoped for a joint meeting at 5:00 - 7:00 some time.

Mr. Pacheco suggested meeting in July and the BTAC could meet there.

Ms. Booth asked if May was an option.

Chair Bushee thought it was. She would work it out with Mr. Siqueiros.

Mr. Rivera arrived at 5:51.

Ms. Booth said they just finished their strategic planning process and among the priorities was monitoring the spending of the bond money and also better communications with BTAC and COLTPAC. The third priority was trying to get permanent funding for trails and parks maintenance. Friends of Trails; Friends of Parks - really looking at the main issue.

Chair Bushee said BTAC didn't really have operational funds. They would have to work that into their budget.

Ms. Booth suggested May 17. She added that May 23 or 24 would also be okay.

Ms. Booth agreed to ask her Commission about it.

Mr. Herdman asked if she could bring up the problems with vehicle access to La Tierra Trails. He explained that often the gate was left unlocked. It had a long history of dumping and it took countless hours to clean it up. He asked if the Commission could be a copartner in it.

Ms. Booth agreed that it needed to be addressed. She suggested an email to Fabian Chávez and to her.

Ms. Miles asked if BTAC would meet on a different date in May. Chair Bushee agreed.

Mr. Charlie O'Leary, Executive Director of the Santa Fé Conservation Trust, gave an update on La Piedra Trail. He knew some members had been out there. They were 95% complete and would have one more work day this Saturday. Friday, June 1 they would have the ribbon cutting ceremony. It was National Trails Day weekend. They hoped to do it in the afternoon at the Dale Ball trailhead for probably an hour and a half.

Regarding the Friends of Parks and Trails and maintenance of public lands, they had been thinking it would be good to hire a firm to do an impact study to show there was a lot of economic development with development of trails in terms of businesses here, people staying here, etc. They needed to help educate decision makers for maintenance of trails and parks as well as dedicated staff for that.

The Trust did get lots of volunteers but they needed the support of public agencies as well. He needed help in finding grants they could apply for.

Chair Bushee said she could put him on the May agenda.

Ms. Grogan said the goal would be to document the importance of public trails and funding for

economic impact. She asked if such a study had been done already.

Mr. O'Leary had not seen any for Santa Fé city or county.

Ms. Grogan suggested inquiring at BBER who did studies like that.

Chair Bushee said he should contact Dr. Reynis there.

Mr. Herdman asked him what time on Saturday they would meet.

Mr. O'Leary said it would be from 9-1 and volunteers could register on-line.

Mr. Longworth thought Ruidoso had done that kind of impact analysis in the past and had information on it. They used that to get federal funding.

Mr. Wilson reported that last week the TPB approved the Bike Master Plan. They had a few editing changes and would release it next week and then work with BTAC and COLTPAC and hopefully incorporate it into ordinances. They were excited about that.

Secondly, regarding bike sharing, he had some flyers about a webinar on bike sharing programs in the US which would be useful. It was free and people could log on directly. He attended a conference on bike sharing last October and they went through the whole process. But no communities the size of Santa Fé had embarked on one. The webinar would talk about specific models and funding for them. He hoped it would be as good as last year and that it would spur some ideas for Santa Fé.

Chair Bushee asked if the MPO had any money. Mr. Wilson said they didn't.

Ms. Grogan asked if bike sharing was in the MP/

Mr. Wilson agreed and it was estimated at \$500,000 in phase A. They participated with Ms. Roybal and Mr. Siqueiros in a meeting on the program. Because of economies of scale they thought partnering with Albuquerque would help and they could use the Railrunner. The Railrunner was Luke warm on it right now. UNM was building some dorms and, as traffic mitigation, had promised to use a bike sharing program. The Parks Department was holding their feet to the fire and they were going to put in 6-7 stations on the campus. But when Mayor Berry came in he backed off from bike sharing.

Mr. Herdman asked him to elaborate on how he envisioned the Bike MP becoming official for the city and how BTAC could help.

Mr. Wilson said it was part of the MTP right now and was official. Maybe they could get the Council to pass an ordinance that the MP was the official plan. Land Use staff asked him to give them the list for future trail alignments.

Mr. Siqueiros thought the best way was through a resolution and it could be included it in BFC application.

Mr. Herdman suggested it could be a resolution with a mandate to review Chapter 14.

Chair Bushee pointed out that the General Plan was a resolution and corridors were by resolution. She would be in favor of that. The overpass wasn't on the TIP so it couldn't be done. So it was not likely to get it by ordinance.

Mr. Herdman noted there were things in the MP and they needed to figure out how to implement them. There might be opportunities to take portions of it to make it into law. He would like the resolution to say this was the guiding document as an inspiration for amendments to Chapter 14.

Mr. Wilson said he could meet with Land Use folks to see how it would fit in.

Ms. Grogan asked if the MPO was part of development review. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Ms. Grogan said he could then point out the bike trails in the development parcel.

Mr. Wilson agreed. And they passed it on to Eric Martinez.

Chair Bushee said BTAC could recommend policy so they could spend time reviewing existing ordinances for things that they might want to bring forward to change. Early on she asked that a check box for bike racks be added to the development review process.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Discussion and approval of CIP Funds for Bike Sharing Program (\$50,000) and Bike Sharrow Maintenance Plan (\$200,000) (Bob Siqueiros & On-Road subcommittee)

Chair Bushee clarified that the truck costs were going to be taken from another place.

Ms. Roybal reported on a meeting with Albuquerque and the NM Railrunner that they were now at the point to decide if they want a feasibility study or to use some of the \$50,000 to hire a marketing firm to sell corporation sponsorships for the kiosks and /or decide on locations and compile data on who users would be. Users would probably be commuters and tourists and not many local people.

Mr. Pacheco thought \$50,000 could buy some bikes and racks. He asked if BTAC was being asked to recommend a study or set up a program. He was not in favor of a study.

Mr. Wilson said \$50,000 would set up one station with 20 bikes. Alto could do the study for \$10,000.

BTAC members felt it wouldn't work with one kiosk. Having one kiosk was not a bike share program.

Mr. Wilson said the MP identified 10-15 possible locations. It was common for bike sharing to be an extension of transit and typically were placed close to a rail station.

Mr. Rivera thought \$3,000 per bike was absurd. Chain Breakers looked at this a lot but thought it was not feasible in Santa Fé because of the cost.

Ms. Roybal said when she got off the train in Albuquerque there were 5 bikes that could be checked out.

Ms. Grogan thought they could start with a bike rental program.

Chair Bushee said South Beach Miami had cheap bikes and a simple kiosk. It wasn't just tourists who used it. It seemed like it worked. She didn't want this to compete with bike shops in renting bikes. She also raised liability and maintenance costs. She asked that it be placed on a future agenda with cheaper bikes, a feasibility study and a report back on the bikes Ms. Roybal saw in Albuquerque.

Chair Bushee wanted to put it back on the agenda but maybe not for May - cheaper bikes, feasibility study - and report back on the five in Albuquerque.

Chair Bushee asked to consider Bike to Work next.

Mr. Pacheco moved to amend the agenda to hear Bike to Work next. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Discussion regarding "Bike to Work Week" May 14 - May 18, 2012

Ms. Roybal said they had communicated by email and would meet on April 25 and May 9. They had no budget but were getting lots of contributions and named several of them. The MPO was paying for the t-shirts and Santa Fé Trails would donate ads on the buses. Recreation had a trade arrangement with the New Mexican and the Santa Fé Reporter. Chair Bushee would do an interview on Channel 28.

They would have a clinic schedule. REI had agreed to some as well as Chain breakers. There would be a rodeo by St. Vincent's and would have an IMBA booth. They were confirming sponsors.

Ms. Roybal thanked Mr. Siqueiros, Mr. Bulthuis and Mr. Wilson for help and they were working on a proclamation.

Mr. Rivera asked if she could you get free fares on the bus. Ms. Roybal agreed.

The Committee went back to the first agenda item.

1. Discussion and approval of CIP Funds for Bike Sharing Program (\$50,000) and Bike Sharrow Maintenance Plan (\$200,000) (Bob Siqueiros & On-Road subcommittee)

Ms. Grogan recalled a consensus last time to delete some items. Sharrow education was taken out, bike racks, wayfaring signs and that was close to \$40,000. So the first part of the spreadsheet indicated all

streets that had sharrows would get new ones, based on city staff installing them. In 2007 a contractor did each sharrow for \$340 but would cost only \$170 if staff did it.

New sharrows at the locations in phase A of the MP totaled \$67,360. Because there was money left over striping bike lanes on certain streets could be added. They all had to be discussed with John Romero. #5 was added at the last meeting (West Alameda). If not feasible, the \$131,000 would come out and could be allocated for other things like sharrow maintenance.

Mr. Wilson said John Romero was looking at them. One of his thoughts was to use some for maintenance of existing bike lanes since he had a limited restriping budget.

The Committee briefly discussed the options.

Mr. Herdman moved to recommend the first and third sections for \$131,000 and section four and those not feasible would come back and deferring the rest including section two. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Priority List Spreadsheet for the League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros recalled that a couple of months ago Mr. Herdman asked for a spreadsheet on priorities for the application. He wanted to present that at the June meeting. He was working on the application now and keeping track of all the things that were pertinent. He was working with Joe Abeyta on outreach with BTAC members for video promotions.

Chair Bushee encouraged BTAC to have a small subcommittee to write the script. She suggested May 2 on the Bike MP and talk on sharrows or bike to work week.

Ms. Robinson suggested Claudia Horn and Leroy Pacheco on La Tierra Trails.

Ms. Miles had received no response on the Traffic School 101 course. She had set it up for May 9 to coincide with Bike to Work month. It was a huge thing and could be on the application but wondered if it would happen. She wasn't sure how to proceed.

Ms. Grogan asked if she could split it into two sessions.

Ms. Miles said they needed at least six participants per session.

Chair Bushee asked if they could get a temporary closure for a bike boulevard.

Ms. Miles talked about how it worked in Merida. It took place every Sunday there. She cautioned that it needed a parallel route for cars.

Ms. Robinson said the Education Committee would get together and discuss it.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to make a list of what he wanted to accomplish next year for inclusion in the May agenda.

4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

a. Multi-Use Trails

There was no report.

b. On-Road

There was no report.

c. Mountain Bike (IMBA Summit)

There was no report.

d. Bike Education and Outreach

There was no report.

e. La Tierra (NWQ)

There was no report.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Siqueiros talked about the May 2 closing for the St. Francis Crossing.

He announced the City won an engineering award for Las Acequias Trail.

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

This was not considered.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bushee said the date, time and location of the next meeting was yet to be decided.

Mr. Rivera announced the Chain breakers fund raiser at Whole Foods.


J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer