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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2012 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 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 January 26, 2012

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- 2) Continued discussion and action regarding endorsing the City of Santa Fe Opportunity Bond - "General Obligation Parks and Trails Bond" (Bob Siqueiros)
- 3) Spreadsheet for the Priority list for the League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros).
- 4) Presentation and discussion regarding Bike Sharing Program Status (Liz Roybal & Bob Siqueiros)
- 5) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - Multi-Use Trails
 - On-Road (Sharrow 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

Thursday, February 23, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Member Gretchen Grogan on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico. There was one member present at 5:15.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Ms. Gretchen Grogan
Ms. Alicia Martínez
Ms. Lisa Miles
Mr. James Ronald Pacheco
Mr. Tomás Rivera

Members Absent:

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair [excused]
Mr. Frank Herdman, Vice Chair [excused]
Mr. John Longworth [excused]
Ms. Shelley Robinson [excused]

Staff Present:

Mr. Bob Siqueiros

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Siqueiros asked to postpone G3 and G4 until the March meeting. He didn't get confirmation from Liz Roybal.

Mr. Rivera moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 26, 2012

Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2012 as presented. Ms. Miles seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

There were no citizen communications.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

There were no communications from other agencies.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Discussion with Police Department Bike staff regarding the adopted Bike Laws

Officers Lowe and Burns were present at the meeting.

Officer Lowe said the Police Department thought things were clear in the ordinance for bicyclists. The license and registration section was archaic.

Ms. Grogan asked how the ordinance changes got disseminated.

Officer Lowe said it was basically by word of mouth. They would make copies of it and distribute them to the officers on the bike team.

Ms. Miles asked when he became aware of it.

Officer Lowe said it was just now.

Officer Liz Burns said they got a copy at their office but the one they were provided was not up to date. So this was the first they had seen it.

Mr. Siqueiros said he sent it to Chief Rael right after the last BTAC meeting.

Mr. Pacheco was confident it would get done and thanked both officers and the department for their attendance at this meeting. The Bike Team had the responsibility to enforce the rules and BTAC added more burden to them. As bicyclists it was incumbent on all to follow them. So he thanked them for their hard work in enforcing the laws.

Ms. Grogan agreed and added that disseminating it to cyclists was also important. Otherwise it would just be a piece of paper.

Officer Lowe said it was a strong personal interest for them too.

Ms. Grogan said that enforcement of the bicycle ordinance was an important component for their application for being a bicycle friendly community. She asked how it was best to get information to the Bike Team in the future.

Officer Lowe said for things like this going to the commander of the bike teams could make it happen faster rather than sending to the Police Department head. Abram Anaya was that department head.

Mr. Siqueiros said he had their names. He commented that it was approved in June and should have been out by July. Citations might have been given out under the old ordinance. One might be the former sidewalk ordinance.

Mr. Rivera said he had gotten tickets for riding on the sidewalk. He asked about riding without a helmet. He also wondered how they could interact so that people on the ground knew what the ordinance was.

Officer Lowe felt having officers here helped. They would get this information out. He didn't know if the municipal court received it.

Mr. Siqueiros thought they did through the City Clerk's office.

Ms. Grogan thanked them for attending.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to send the new code out to the commanders.

2. Continued discussion and action regarding endorsing the City of Santa Fé Opportunity Bond - "General Obligation Parks and Trails Bond" (Bob Siqueiros)

A memo from Mr. Zamora was provided to the members.

Mr. Siqueiros explained that it was important to not use certain words. Probably the worst word to use was "endorse."

Mr. Pacheco said at the last meeting he used the word "support." He asked if that was appropriate.

Mr. Siqueiros said "support" or "approve" was not an appropriate word to use. He thought they could say they approved of a certain question in terms of what BTAC had done in the past and were planning to do in the future such as approval of the Santa Fé Bike Master Plan without asking the public to vote for it.

Mr. Rivera asked if BTAC could say they saw the value in this bond and encouraged the voters to vote on March 6th.

Mr. Siqueiros said BTAC could not ask the public to vote for the bond but could ask the public to support bicycling in Santa Fé and encourage them to vote.

Mr. Rivera thought that would imply support for the bond.

Ms. Martínez understood they could ask the public just to vote but not for or against. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Ms. Grogan asked if they could say BTAC approved of question #2 because the trails and parks projects would then make Santa Fé a more bicycle friendly community and encourage outdoor activities.

Mr. Siqueiros thought that was a good statement.

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC wanted to make a formal statement like that.

Everyone agreed.

The members suggested several wordings that might be okay.

The BTAC approves of the bond question #2 and its related Parks and Trails improvement projects because they would contribute to the health and quality of life for Santa Fé residents and encourages people to vote on March 6th.

Mr. Siqueiros thought that was okay.

Mr. Rivera asked staff to put out an advisory for it as soon

Mr. Rivera moved to use that sentence for a press release. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to have Joyce Bond put it together and ask first for feedback from BTAC members.

3. Spreadsheet for the Priority list for the League of American Bicyclists – Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros)

This item was postponed under Approval of the Agenda.

4. Presentation and discussion regarding Bike Sharing Program Status (Liz Roybal & Bob Siqueiros)

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5. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

a. Multi-Use Trails

There was no report from the Multi-Use Trails Subcommittee.

b. On-Road

Ms. Grogan asked Mr. Siqueiros to provide a list where sharrows should be placed.

Mr. Siqueiros said they were listed in the plan but he wanted to start replacing critical ones sooner. They could either install sharrows where they were usually installed and/or place some on new streets. There was \$250,000 available and BTAC needed to have a plan for sharrows at the March meeting or April at the latest.

Ms. Grogan asked if that allocation was only for sharrows or also for other things like striping bike lanes.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was designated for sharrows but if BTAC wanted to use some of it for signage and striping, that would be okay.

Mr. Pacheco felt it was worth discussing at some point. When he started on this committee no one was in favor of sharrows and this had raised the awareness of the need.

Ms. Grogan commented that staff recommended in the past to use the \$350 sharrows. Another group thought they should use only paint which was cheaper.

Mr. Pacheco asked which would last longer.

Mr. Siqueiros said it depended on traffic control because they had to let the paint dry. Plastic installed quickly. Also the more they bought the cheaper they were.

Mr. Siqueiros said BTAC could also work with Streets and Drainage and put them down this summer. The list was being developed now and he could get it to the members when it was completed. That should be done in the next two weeks.

Ms. Grogan asked if when they repaved, the sharrows needed to get reinstalled.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC would submit that in March.

Mr. Siqueiros said the March meeting was scheduled on the 24th.

c. Mountain Bike (IMBA Summit)

There was no report from the Mountain Bike Subcommittee.

d. Bike Education and Outreach

Ms. Miles said something regarding what the BTAC talked about last month (possibly Bike 101) but her comment was inaudible since she was not using her microphone.

Ms. Grogan thought it was an important part of the Bicycle Friendly Community application. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Pacheco thought they should offer it to the county also.

Ms. Miles made another inaudible comment.

Ms. Grogan asked Mr. Siqueiros to get the word out to staff.

Mr. Siqueiros corrected that the March meeting was on March 22nd.

Ms. Miles asked if anyone was in charge of bike to work week.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to put it on the next agenda.

e. La Tierra (NWQ)

There was no report from La Tierra Subcommittee.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros thanked those who attended this meeting to avoid having a canceled meeting.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pacheco wanted to thank everyone who came tonight and for their help.

Mr. Rivera said the issue was not just about riding on the sidewalk but there were lots of questions about the various layers of ordinances. If a bicycle was considered a vehicle he asked if the rider required a driver's license. BTAC needed to know more about the laws.

Ms. Grogan thought if it was not posted, riding on sidewalk was okay. Mr. Pacheco agreed.

Mr. Pacheco added that they were supposed to walk their bicycle across the intersection. He asked if they needed to have more discussion on it.

Mr. Rivera reminded the Committee that at the federal level they were working on the Transportation Reauthorization bill (HR7) and the news was devastating because in the bill was a proposal to eliminate all public transportation funding and would put funding for bicycle trails in direct competition with public transportation. The National Coalition was working to disseminate information about it and had information on their website about the bill.

Mr. Siqueiros said the City needed to be a member of the League of American Bikes but even though not a member they were designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community. The League's national conference was to take place in March. He thought BTAC could support having someone from Santa Fé attend that annual meeting and perhaps a staff person if it was included in next year's budget.

Mr. Steve Newhall said he would miss the next BTAC meeting because he would be at the conference. He spoke about the details of the conference - that it would take place in D.C. on March 20-23. LAB would love it if a staff person from Santa Fé was at the conference.

Ms. Grogan asked who would be the League member.

Mr. Siqueiros said the City should be and said he got all of their newsletters.

Ms. Miles gave an announcement this week on a merger of three national organizations to be a more powerful voice in the nation. She said more but it was inaudible.

Mr. Newhall agreed to give a report to BTAC after the conference.

Mr. Rivera understood there would be a city resolution opposing the HR 7 legislation. It would happen before the next BTAC meeting. If passed, it would have a detrimental effect on BTAC and their future. He encouraged members to contact him soon if they had questions. He wished Mr. Wilson had been present because there were questions about whether it would abolish the MPO - it was very harsh.

Ms. Miles said that signals and lights at some intersections didn't recognize bicycles at all. So in many places riders had to dismount and push the pedestrian button.

She also announced an event on March 31st at a parking lot that was a fund-raiser for bike safety from 10 am to 2 pm that would include selling things but the specifics were inaudible.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pacheco moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miles seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer