

# **Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Final Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 11, 2007

**Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue**

Tucson, AZ

Submitted by

Secretary Richard E Corbett

## **1: Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A quorum being present, **Chair Diana Tolton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.** Members and guests present introduced themselves (see the attendance at the end of this document).

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with one correction, dealing with the Education sub-committee's request for an Excel spreadsheet (not just a report), *on a motion by Zach McDonald, seconded by Steve Bresler, and passed unanimously.*

## **2: Law Enforcement Reports**

Sheriff's Sgt Ken Coultas stated that there were only two County bike crashes last month, both with minor injuries.

Tucson Police Sgt Tim Beam stated that year to date bicycle crashes were down 30%, and that equals 22 fewer crashes than last year.

Enforcement Chair Eric Post asked if Sgt Beam had any explanation as to why the number of crashes was down? Beam said the weather might have been part of the reason; but overall, there is no clear reason for the reduction. Post went on to mention that the Enforcement Sub-committee is opening up new and expanded dialogue with Sgts Beam and Coultas, and moving the more detailed reports to the sub-committee meetings. The sub-committee will be meeting twice a month; the main meeting at 4:45 pm before the BAC meeting, and the second meeting 4:30 pm before the Executive Sub-committee meeting two weeks prior to the BAC meeting.

Post also added that his sub-committee is looking to help Police training. County Bike Program Manager Matt Zoll mentioned that the Bike-Ed TE Grant has funding for a police training video, and mentioned that Rick Kaneen, who is doing the videos, is very responsive.

Zoll went on to say that the proposed bicycle driver diversion program is very similar to the one for motor drivers. Minors will be dealt with by the courts, which can send them to the program, even though they are not licensed drivers. He mentioned that he hopes to start the police training video in two to three weeks, and will contact Post to involve him.

Richard Corbett mentioned the importance of focused (also referred to as 'targeted' enforcement) as this can have the greatest positive effects in crash and injury reduction.

## **3: Call to the Public**

Citizen Eric Ryberg stated that he had spoken to the Committee recently about 28-735 violations, and has since filed a public records request, and found that there were only two such citations issued in 2005 and 2006. Chair Tolton invited Ryberg to come to the Enforcement Sub-committee meetings.

## **4: Consent Agenda**

There were four motions on the consent agenda. Discussion preceded the voting, as this was the first time that a consent agenda was utilized. There was some concern expressed about the potential for items to be on the consent agenda without sufficient supporting documentation. It was agreed that the Executive Sub-committee would further define requirements for consent agenda items, including the probability of a letter being prepared in advance and in the BAC meeting packet so members could see exactly what they were approving. Dave Boston expressed support for this approach.

The four motions were:

- 1) A motion to support a Bicycle Diversion Program for all nine PAG jurisdictions.
- 2) A motion to communicate to Pima County the BAC's support for protecting the Green Valley West Desert Preserve.
- 3) A motion to approve a resolution recommending "Construction Barricade Improvements" that will be communicated to the jurisdictions.
- 4) A motion to communicate to Pima County concerns about the Madera Canyon area development impacts on bike/ped safety.

Donna Aversa moved that the four consent agenda items be approved, Corbett seconded, and **the motion was passed unanimously.**

Boston asked if there were any diversion program in place in Arizona – Zoll answered that he is aware of only one – in Tempe at ASU. Post asked if the LAB Road 1 or Commuter Course could be used – Zoll said that the course would be a little shorter overall (3 – 4 hours) than the LAB courses, and similar to the current driver diversion programs.

## **5: Sub-Committee Reports**

**Executive Sub-committee:** At Chair Tolton's request, Secretary Corbett reported from his notes. Consent agenda was discussed and agreed to; Law Enforcement Sub-committee's role and interaction with police representatives was discussed; Ride of Silence progress reported; Action items review; Platinum Challenge membership and organization (Corbett identified to Chair); By-Laws revisions needed; and BAC agenda. The Executive Sub-committee meets the last Wednesday of the Month (two weeks prior to the BAC meeting) at Ward VI, at 6:00 pm.

**Education Sub-committee:** Chair Brian Beck reported that the sub-committee met and reviewed Education/Safety PSAs; Thanked booth volunteers for the Bike Swap Meet; will review bike crash study at next meeting. The Education Sub-committee standing meeting time is 7:00 pm, at Ward VI, immediately after the Executive Sub-committee.

**Enforcement Sub-committee:** Chair Eric Post handed out copies of the Phoenix area bike crash study, and noted that they are distinctly different than us. He stated he would E-mail the URL for the report to the entire BAC membership. The Enforcement Sub-committee meets twice a month – at 4:30 pm at Ward 6, prior to the Executive Sub-committee meeting, and at 4:45 pm at Himmel Library before the monthly BAC meeting.

**Facility Sub-committee:** Chair Bill Adamson reported that he had e-mailed the report of their last meeting, which included a report on proposed Pima County bond projects. He offered a motion, and Hank Rowe seconded it, that the BAC supports the Pima County list of land acquisition; river parks improvements; and trails & trailheads. He indicated that the Facility Sub-committee had supported the list at their last meeting. Corbett, on a point of order, asked if documentation of the specifics were included in the Facility Sub-Committee's materials in the meeting packet. Adamson answered no. Zoll stated that the list is not publicly available yet. Corbett then stated that while he supports the need for

these facilities, we risk an open meeting law violation if we pass the motion as stated. Corbett then moved to amend the motion to support the need for the land acquisition, parks improvements, and trails & trailheads, and to further define the specifics at the May meeting. Adamson and Rowe accepted the amendment, and the motion was passed, with three abstentions (Aversa, Beck, and Post).

**Downtown Task Force:** Task Force Chair David Bachman-Williams reported that the Task Force has been meeting bi-weekly and has begun to classify downtown streets – most critical, moderately critical, and least critical. Last month a letter was sent to the Mayor and Council regarding the Streetcar track locations, and David made a presentation at a Mayor and Council meeting. He said the response was positive but no final decision has been made yet.

#### **6: Action Items List:**

Vice-Chair Wayne Cullop stated he wants to get monthly reports as to whether action items have been acted on, and the results thereof. He may ask that the Action Item list be a regular addendum to the BAC meeting packet.

**7: Nominating Committee:** Nominating Sub-Committee Chair Donna Aversa reported that the sub-committee had succeeded in getting at least two candidates for each office:

- a. **Chair:** Diana Tolton (incumbent), and Wayne Cullop (current Vice-Chair)
- b. **Vice Chair:** Brian Beck (current parliamentarian) and Martha Leman
- c. **Secretary:** Richard Corbett (incumbent) and Eric Post
- d. **Parliamentarian:** Zach McDonald, Steve Bresler, and Hank Rowe

Eric Post then withdrew his name, as he feels that chairing the Enforcement Sub-committee will take plenty of his time.

Candidates may give three-minute speeches next month, as to why they wish to be elected.

#### **8. Staff Reports**

Tucson Bike Coordinator Tom Thivener reported that Bike to Work Day activities were very successful, with an estimated 300 to 350 participants showing up for the event at Jācome Plaza, in front of the Main Library, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Channel 13 did a live broadcast, with interviews including Rich Corbett and Jim Glock. Tom thanked BAC members Rich Corbett and Zach MacDonald for their help at Bike to Work Day. Two bikes were raffled off to two lucky participants from Fair Wheel Bikes, the events sponsor.

He mentioned that IBM was a major corporate promoter of Bike to Work Day, and provided lunch to those who rode that day. TDOT provided a third bike for their major raffle prize.

Tom asked that anyone who has ideas for Bike to Work next year to please e-mail him. He also mentioned he is looking into hiring an Intern to assist him with his many tasks. He acknowledged requests from BAC members to ride with him, and he is willing to do that – just call or e-mail him to arrange a mutually agreeable date/time.

One of the members asked if it would be possible to extend the Aviation Bikeway to Saguaro National Park (east), using on-street connections. Tom finished up by handing out Clean Air backpacks and cycling leg bands.

Zoll thanked the City for their maintenance of the Tucson Bicycle Classic course. He reported that the Walk and Roll to School Day event, a part of the Clean Air Days event, was successful, with 20 schools and approximately 1500 kids participating.

A Safe Routes to School workshop for potential applicants was hosted in conjunction with ADOT on April 5th. 40 more Attention Transit signs have been placed (four different designs). Ten bicycle safety PSAs are completed, including three in Spanish. And, eight RTA Bike lane projects are being advanced.

Bill Adamson asked how he could get on the County's mailing list for projects. Zoll responded that he would see that Adamson was added.

Oro Valley Bike Ped Coordinator Nancy Ellis reported that there was a crash between a car and a wrong way child cyclist on a shared-use path. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming ADOT open houses on the Oracle Road Corridor Study. Finally she invited anyone to drop by the Tucson Bicycle Classic, where she will be scoring.

### **9. Announcements**

Cullop mentioned the next Executive Sub-committee meeting at the Ward 6 Office, April 25<sup>th</sup>, though he won't be able to attend. John Thaxton asked to be added to the Announcements list. Zoll urged members to attend the ADOT Oracle Road Corridor Study open houses, because there is a proposal for shared use paths along both sides of Oracle from Ina north, and there are way too many driveways and cross streets for cyclist safety.

### **10: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

## **~~~ ATTENDANCE ~~~**

### **Members**

Bill Adamson, Pima County  
Donna Aversa, Oro Valley  
David Bachman-Williams, Pima County  
Brian Beck, City Ward 2  
(Parliamentarian)  
Dave Boston, Ward 6  
Steve Bresler, City Ward 1  
Richard Corbett, City Ward 5 (Secretary)  
Wayne Cullop, City Ward 4 (Vice-Chair)  
Jean Gorman, Pima County  
Merritt Howard, Sahuarita  
Norm Land, Pima County  
Martha Lemen, Pima County  
Zach McDonald, Pima County  
Eric Post, Pima County  
Hank Rowe, Pima County  
John Thaxton, Davis Monthan AFB  
Diana Tolton, Pima County (Chair)

### **Staff**

Sgt Tim Beam, Tucson Police  
Sgt Ken Coultas, PC Sheriff's Dept  
Nancy Ellis, Oro Valley  
Gabe Thum, PAG  
Tom Thivener, TDOT  
Matt Zoll, PCDOT

### **Members of the Public**

Eric Ryberg, citizen