

CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018

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A. Attendance:

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Peter Livant	Not recorded	livanpd@auburn.edu

Others:

David Ennis	(334) 329-7319	ennisdavid@hotmail.com
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Commence: President Jeff called the meeting to order circa 7:10 p.m. C.D.T.

B. TOPICS:

1. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE JANUARY 30TH MINUTES

Reference herein is made to the January 30, 2018, approved Minutes to which the readers’ attention is directed. See Paragraph 8 Items # “a” through “d” for corrections and/or additions to said January 30th Minutes.

2. BIKE BASH:

- a. President LaMonda reported that the date [April 21, 2018] and route are set. To date 52 volunteers have signed up to assist in the Event.
- b. Persons interested in volunteering and/or registering to participate in the Event may do so by going to the website www.BikeBash.org.

- c. Chairperson: Kirk Iverson. kiversen@icloud.com

3. CITY FEST:

- a. Peter Livant is taking the lead on this event, with David Kern assisting. Peter provided a status report for the Event commenting that planning is going as expected. The date is April 28, 2018, which coincides with *Bo Bikes Alabama*.
- b. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with peak hours 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- c. President LaMonda requested that Peter bring to the attention of the Committee any concerns regarding staffing or other topics to help ensure a successful Event.

4. BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION:

- a. The Bike Month Proclamation honoring Bike Month will be read by Mayor Ham circa 11:45 a.m. at City Hall. Committee members are encouraged to attend, and to do so by riding their respective bicycles to City Hall.
- b. Diane Boyd has offered to take the lead role in advertising the Event, including designing a “Bike Month” button to be distributed on a yet-to-be determined basis; said button design to reviewed by LaMonda and Ezelle prior to production.
- c. Brandy commented that the City will issue a Press Release inviting the local press to attend to help promote the month-long activity.
- d. A suggestion was made that the EACC, CAMP, and other bike groups be invited to attend the May 1st reading of the Proclamation by the Mayor at 11:45 a.m. and the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

5. FRIEND OF THE BIKE COMMITTEE:

- a. Announcement of the Friend of the Bike Committee will be announced at the May 1, 2018, City Council meeting that commences at 7:00 p.m. CDT.

6. BIKE CALENDAR:

- a. Jeff LaMonda reported that he is taking the lead on this project and has student(s) assisting him on its design.
- b. Brandy reported that the Bike Social is tentatively set for Thursday, May 17th, between the hours of 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. CDT. Location will be finalized, but currently planned for the La Palma (Mexican style) restaurant located at the corner of Gay and Opelika Road.

This coincides with *Bike-to-Work Week*. Budget Not-to-Exceed of \$150.00 was previously approved by the Committee.

- c. Committee reviewed a number of different dates and events for bike rides in an attempt to capture the maximum number of bike rides and events for inclusion in the Calendar. Jeff will distribute a draft copy of the calendar prior to posting on the City's Calendar of Events.

7. BIKE-TO-WORK DAY:

- a. President LaMonda reported that Bike-to-Work Day is May 18, 2018. LaMonda will serve as the liaison among individuals serving to help make the Event a success.
- b. It was reported that while the public is invited to participate in the Event, success is most likely attained through participation with Auburn University. Committee member Brandy Ezelle will contact Ms. Paige Patterson who likely is the University's contact.
- c. Committee reviewed prior years' events associated with the Event. Historically, a booth was jointly installed and staffed by the City and the University personnel at the front yard of Samford Hall. Comment was made that best time for the Event was 7:30 a.m., as nonfaculty staff report to work circa 7:45 a.m.
- d. Historically, City provided select food options and the University offered coffee and select other beverages. Additionally, the City provided T-shirts to participants. A suggestion was made that buttons be fabricated for distribution, as well. Brandy reported that the City has a button fabrication machine that could be used to produce same. Additional Ms. Ezelle commented that the City has in some prior years issued select certificates to participants (e.g., oldest bicycle, brightest lights, most colorful bicycle, etc.). A suggestion was made to invite Aubie to further embellish the Event. Ms. Boyd suggested a photo booth would further contribute to the success of the Event, particularly with Aubie presence.

8. BIKE-TO-SCHOOL:

- a. President LaMonda suggested that, given the amount of time required to coordinate a successful Bike-to-School event, it be deferred till 2019. Comments were made that each school should be contacted to ascertain their interest in participating, as well as to the type of participation that would be acceptable to the schools participating. A suggestion was made that this likely would require a minimum of six (6) months' planning time. The Committee agreed to defer the effort till next year, with planning to commence sufficiently in advance of next year's Bike Month.

9. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

- a. As a bicyclist, David Ennis commented that there is an interest and desire among Webster Road residents to see a continuation of the multi-use bike path extending from Chadwick Road to Cox Road eastward to Webster Road, along Wire Road approximately .6 miles. This led to a further discussion on the desire to see a bicycle path/lane along Chadwick from Wire Road to MLK, thus making Kiesel Park accessible via bike path or lane(s). Additionally, Cox Road is being widened to include a bike lane from Longleaf to Wire Road. In essence, bicycling opportunities will be enhanced extending from East University, South Donahue, Longleaf, Cox Road, Soccer Complex, Kisel Park and on to MLK and, ultimately, eastward back towards Downtown Auburn and beyond.
- b. Tangentially, the above routing conversation brought about a discussion as to how David and area residents could assist the City in bringing to fruition a bike lane from Webster Road to Cox Road, given that David has already obtained a number of signatures from residents in the vicinity of Webster Road. Committee members suggested that it would be beneficial to obtain signatures from landowners along the requested route; i.e., from Webster to Cox Road. As for petitions, it was suggested to David and others to refer to the City's prepared forms used, for example, in obtaining sidewalk and construction easements.
- c. Due to the budget cycle, it was suggested that any petition be submitted to the City by mid-April for possible consideration by City personnel in preparing the next two- to five-year budgets.
- d. Bike and Greenspace Master Plan Updates are planned and may serve as another opportunity through mandated public hearings for providing the City with bicycling related recommendations.
- e. The Comprehensive [Multi-modal] Transportation Plan (including a bicycling component) is being updated with public hearing(s) scheduled for the latter part of April. It may serve as still another means for providing the City with bicycling recommendations.

End of Minutes