

CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF May 29, 2018

A. Attendance:

Members, including Ex Officios

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Others:

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Angela Lakwete	Citizen	kakwete@gmail.com
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Commence: President Jeff called the meeting to order circa 7:05 p.m. C.D.T.

B. TOPICS:

1. CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE MARCH 29TH MINUTES

Reference herein is made to the March 26, 2018, approved Minutes to which the readers' attention is directed. Only one correction was made to said Minutes; i.e., President LaMonda's [sic] name was incorrectly spelled throughout. Correct spelling is "LaMondia."

2. BIKE MONTH:

- a. LaMondia distributed copies of the Bike Month Calendar. Activities included, but not limited to, the following: Mayor's Proclamation; Friend of the Committee Award; Bike to Work Day; Biking After Hours Social Event; City Fest; and the Ride of Silence. According to LaMondia, activities were well attended and response overwhelmingly positive.
- b. Ms. Ezelle reported that approximately 160 cyclists participated in the Bike Bash this year; last year's attendance was approximately 200. A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of combining City Fest with the Bike Bash next year. The conclusion was reached that due to the potential conflict between vehicular and bicycle traffic it was not realistic to assume that the Bike Bash could be relocated to Kiesel Park. Other possibilities for combining the two events were discussed; e.g., Soccer Complex on Wire Road. Additionally, a discussion ensued regarding changing the date of the Bike Bash to attract more participants. Because of the multitude of complex issues surrounding the topic of combining the two events and in changing the date thereof, discussion was deferred to a later, unspecified meeting.
- c. LaMondia expressed his appreciation to all the participants, including Committee members, participating in the successful events.

3. BIKE ROUTE MAPPING:

- a. President LaMondia distributed a draft copy of the proposed Bike Map oriented towards tourists and others not familiar with cycling opportunities in Auburn. The Map will show preferred bicycle routes with destination of interest along them. A partial list of facilities includes restaurants, hotels, convenience stores with air pump stations, bike racks, Fix-It Stations, cycle repair shops, etc. This list is not in any way meant to be exhaustive. It was agreed that the end product should contain cycling rules of the road, safety considerations, and other pertinent information.
- b. Committee members and select others in attendance volunteered to take the designated routes shown on the draft copy of the Map and so note the above described and other relevant facilities on their segment of choice. The intent is to complete the assignment as quickly as possible, but no later than the July scheduled meeting. Following is a list of the routes and volunteer team members.

- i. Gay to Chewacla: Mike Hogan and Angela Lakwete
- ii. Longleaf: Peter Livant
- iii. Publix Route: Jose Torres and Mike Stone
- iv. Samford: Bruno Ulrich and Diane Boyd
- v. Kiesel Loop: David Ennis and David Kern
- vi. Donahue: Jeff LaMondia and Brandy Ezelle

c. A question was raised as to whether there was a duplication among the existing online map, the proposed map, and Skipper Consulting Company/Alta Planning's, efforts. Ms. Ezelle commented that the latter's scope of work is to develop short-, intermediate-, and long-term proposals, including preliminary capital budget strategies, as well as evaluating and recommending multi-modal interface strategies. This is in addition to or in conjunction with their (vehicular) traffic study. The Consultants' Work is expected to be completed within a year to include multiple public hearings to solicit additional public comment. The online mapping program (a/k/a "How to Get There") is intended to be available to those with access to computers and other electronic aids; the current effort is an intended to serve as a (hardcopy) handout to visitors stopping at visitor center(s), hotels, etc., for example, and, possibly, beginning cyclists.

d. LaMondia commented that per the January meeting the decision had been made to contract with a printing or otherwise qualified company to publish the final map, assuming adequate funding was available to do so (See Item # 3 of the January 30th Minutes).

4. MISCELLANNEY:

a. A conversation ensued regarding installation of bike racks at various commercial establishments. Questions arose as where to locate and the incentives, if any, needed to encourage commercial and other establishments to install back racks at their place of business. Cost of Auburn Share the Bike Program racks averaged \$300 - \$400 each. The decision was made to develop materials to encourage participation and to follow up with selected establishments in the future.

b. "*Share the Road*" Signs: A question arose as to whether the City would install more *Share the Road* signs. Ms. Ezelle commented that the City would consider suggestions for their installation and evaluate each request on its merits; criteria to include sight distances and other safety considerations.

5. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned circa 8:05 p.m. CDT.

End of Minutes