

CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of March 26, 2019

A. Attendance:

Members:

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Commencement: President Jeff LaMondia called the meeting to order circa 7:02 p.m. CDT.

TOPICS:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 29,2019, Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

2. REVIEW DRAFT OF THE REVISED BY-LAWS:

a. **Frequency of Meetings: Article VI – Meetings** - of the By-laws stipulates meetings shall be *by-monthly* (i.e., every two (2) months). It was suggested that the frequency be revised to meet *monthly* to encourage participation, responsibility and accountability of members for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating programs and activities. Comments were made regarding the role/status of the Committee; i.e., is the Committee’s purpose to respond to City initiatives; to initiate policies, programs, or projects; or a combination thereof (i.e., respond and initiate). Subsequently, reference was made to Article IV – Organization Duties - in the draft By-laws for activities requiring members’ involvement and that the extent of involvement would likely dictate the preferred meeting interval. It was generally agreed that it was better to call a meeting than to cancel one. The majority of the Committee members voted to continue holding bi-monthly meetings with the proviso that a change to monthly meetings be conditioned on the extent to which members volunteer and successfully implement tasks listed under the five (5) major categories listed in Article IV - Organization Duties. One member voted in the negative.

b. **Membership – Article III:**

i. **Meeting requirements for membership:**

Members voted to retain the requirement that individuals interested in serving on the Committee be required to attend four (4) meetings prior to be considered for membership. Although the above action was not rescinded, following the discussion on attendance, it was suggested that the provision in the draft document requiring prospective members to attend four (4) meetings prior to being considered for membership be stricken and that in lieu thereof individuals be required to simply submit a membership application to the Committee for consideration. This is pursuant to criteria set forth in Article III, Paragraph 2 of the draft By-laws.

ii. **Membership – Classifications:**

The proposed amended By-laws identifies five (5) classes of cyclists. They are follows: Commuters; Mountain; Casual or Short Distance; Long Distance; and Tourism. Once the amended By-laws are approved, every reasonable effort will be made to fill Committee membership, accordingly.

iii. **Membership – Term Limits:**

Pursuant to Article III – Membership, Paragraph 3, term limits will be established. The Committee concluded this should serve to encourage broader participation, among other things. Additionally, it was proposed that terms be staggered to help ensure some continuity across the Membership.

- c. **Officers' Duties: Article V:** A question was raised as to the role of the Secretary with regards to calling special meetings and cancelling others. It was suggested that in many organizations the Secretary is considered an integral part of the Board and that actions pertaining to the call or cancelling of meetings should include the Secretary. The proposed By-laws propose five (5) members plus City of Auburn representatives (Article VII) serve on the Committee, with each member assisted by a corps of volunteers within designated categories (Article II, Paragraph 2). The intention would be to notify Committee members plus the corps of volunteers of upcoming or cancelled meetings. Most Committee members voted to include the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and the City's designated representative in decisions to call for or cancel meetings.
- d. **Meeting – Article VI:** Pursuant to Article VI, meetings are scheduled to be held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. It was suggested and by vote approved by majority of the members to strike the time of the meeting. Several in attendance suggested that a more preferred time would be to hold the meetings at or near the noon hour. In any case, the date, time, and place would be posted on the City's website.
- e. **By-law Amendments – Approval:** Committee membership expectation is that the membership will review the proposed changes, provide comment prior to the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 28, 2019, and approve them at that meeting.

3. BIKE BASH: Opelika/Auburn Working Together:

Bruno Ulrich commented that he recently had lunch with the Opelika Advisory Committee Chair, Ms. Shirley Lazenby, wherein one of the topics discussed was the future of Auburn's *Bike Bash*, including jointly sponsoring the Event. Options include possibly alternating years between the two communities (e.g., to be sponsored by Auburn one year and another by Opelika). Depending on the Start/Finish location, another option would be to hold a cross-community Event, with EMS and Public Safety officials working together.

4. HOLDING JOINT SESSION: Auburn and Opelika Bicycle Advisory Committees:

Bruno further commented that many cyclists from Auburn and Opelika routinely cross-community cycle. And given the extent of the shared experiences it seemed beneficial to hold on occasion joint meetings or social events (e.g., quarterly basis, etc.). Bruno noted that he and Ms. Shirley Lazenby had discussed the topic and that Ms. Lazenby was very receptive to the idea of the two committees getting together to discuss topics of mutual interest. After some further discussion, the Committee authorized Bruno to coordinate with Ms. Lazenby to schedule the event(s).

5. WOLF BICYCLE TOURS, LLC:

It was noted that Wolf Bicycle Tours, LLC is hosting *Adventures on Bicycles* in Auburn this coming May (www.ambal.com). This is a week-long event. Riders will start and finish each day in Auburn. Riders can sign up for the entire week or simply for daily

rides. A suggestion was made to post the Event on the East Alabama Cycling Club, City of Auburn's website, and as otherwise deemed appropriate.

6. AUBURN UNIVERSITY AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM:

Brandy Ezelle, on behalf of Tommy Eden, reported that the Airport is preparing grant application(s) and plans to expand the Airport northward to include closing a portion of Country Club Road in Opelika. Auburn University's goal is to expand its flight school to allow the Airport to accommodate larger jets in its training program. Currently, the effects of the expansion on the Country Club Road and on cycling around the area are indeterminate. Tommy is requesting the Auburn Bicycle Committee and Opelika Advisory Committee develop a unified statement to protect the connectivity by bicyclist between Auburn and Opelika by encouraging the Airport and cities to provide a viable cycling facility around the airport expansion if Country Club Road is closed. Who, if anyone, is to facilitate the statement or what format it will be was not determined at the meeting.

7. EAST GLENN ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS:

A question arose as to whether East Glenn Avenue could accommodate bicycle lane(s). Ms. Ezelle commented that without acquiring additional rights-of-way or easements and replacing existing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and storm structures, it is not possible to install bicycle lanes on East Glenn Avenue.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned circa 8:05 p.m. C.D.T.

End of Minutes