

Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

February 5, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Location: City of Prescott Public Works Department Conference Room,
433 N. Virginia

11:00 Call to order, Introductions—Dana Diller, COP; Andy Reinhardt, COP Police; Michael Sanders, ADOT Bike/Ped Program; Kim Kapin, COP Communications; Jim Knaup, PBAC Co-chair; Karen Warrick, PBAC co-chair; Dale Wachs, COP; Spencer Lace, COP; Rob Hehlen, Prescott Forest Service Volunteer coordinator

11:05 Report from Karen and Jim

- PBAC agendas and minutes now posted to City of Prescott website. Derek Collins set up and Cat Moody is uploading to the website. We may want to approve/amend minutes before posting.
- Several non-motorized trail-user groups composed a joint letter to the Planning Committee for Parks and Recreation 10-year plan. I participated with the group. PBAC group decided to support joint letter. Jim also suggested that it important for individuals and individual groups to provide additional feedback.
- Jim handed out copies of the Prescott Bicycle and pedestrian Master Plan to committee member. Eric Smith has additional copies in his office.

11:35 Sixth Street

- Andy Reinhardt discussed collision review on Sixth Street. Eighteen collisions were reported on Sixth Street between Merritt and Alarcon during the past three years. Three of those eighteen collisions might have benefited from the presence of a center two way turn lane. None of the eighteen involved a bicycle. It was decided that PBAC would submit a formal recommendation to the mayor that Sixth Street be restriped with center turn lane and bike lanes. Striping contract will be awarded in April so this needs to be addressed before that happens.
- Karen also shared a citizen complaint received by Prescott Alternative Transportation and passed along to PBAC. The citizen was frustrated with lack of response by Prescott police. He had almost been hit twice when riding his bike and felt the police blew off the incident as "no big deal." Andy Reinhardt took a copy of the complaint and will follow up. Thank you, Andy.

11:10 Dale Wachs -- Review of design for Rosser Street—traffic calming

- Traffic lanes will be reduced to 10 and 11 feet wide. Recommended width to safely share the road is 14-15 feet. Traffic speed will hopefully be reduced. Parking only on one side of street. May need to post special signage to alert drivers to bicycle. A couple of options include "shared bike lane marking" that would be imprinted on the

roadway where bikes would safely ride. Another option is a sign displaying bike symbol and wording "may use full lane." This issue should be presented to TCC.

- Carleton is scheduled to be resurfaced within the next year.

11:15 Ian Mattingly (unable to attend)

- Postponed to March -- Question about Ruth Street re-striping – Will PBAC be able to review the plan for Ruth Street restriping before this is done. Vehicle lanes need to be 14-15 feet wide to safely share the road with bikes.

- Ian has bike route sign list compiled by Karen. He will get back to her with questions as needed.

11:25 Dana Diller –

- Dana reported that the old grates used for the last 15 years along streets are MAG standard – standard set by Maricopa County. These grates are being installed in all new projects. It is the recommendation of committee that a bicycle friendly grate be adopted for all new projects. Dana provided Karen with a couple of handouts on grates and bike safety. We need to discuss this change with Mark Nietupski. First effort should be to have new style grate in new project. Second effort, to replace hazardous grates in bikeways when needed with bike friendly grate.

11:35 Update from Rob Hehlen

- Trail 316 – Forest Service is closing old route through camp. Working with Kingswood Estate Homeowners to re-route trail through 10 foot easement. Homeowners are supportive. Forest Service waiting for a letter. Trail should be completed in 6 months to 1 year, depending on volunteer help.

- Work is also progressing to incorporate well used "social trails" in the Thumb Butte and Goldwater Lake area in the Forest Service trail system. Some of the trails are already designated on the PBAC bike map.

- IMBA trail crew in Prescott on March 9-11. Trail building workshop on Sat. morning. Trail building Sat afternoon. Ride on Sunday.

11:40 – Ride to Work with the Mayor –

- Mile High Middle School principal would like to get his students involved.
- Discussed how we might get jersey for mayor. Prescott Cycling Club's new jersey will not be ready in time for the ride. Karen will ask club if they might donate one for the mayor.
- Incentive program for city employees – Karen has a couple of ideas that Lisa Barnes of PAT shared. Will sit down and discuss with Marcee Keller and Kim Kapin soon.

11:45 Information from Michael Sanders—ADOT

- Shared ADOT's MGT 02-1 Bicycle Policy – The purpose is to establish uniform guidelines for accommodating bicycle travel on the State highway system. Michael reviewed some of the most significant information.
- He also shared a list of ADOT roads that people submitted during the plans preparation in 2003. Specific problems and suggestions will be included in the list. Michael is hoping that PBAC and Prescott Cycling Club member can help with updated information. Have any improvements been made? What still needs to be fixed? Other roadway issues?
- PBAC has been invited to attend ADOT's Statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan Phase IV Steering committee meeting on Tuesday, March 6 2007. The meeting runs from 10-12am. It will be held at 1130 North 22nd Ave., Grand Canyon 2 Room, ADOT HRDC (Human Resource Development Center in Phoenix).

11:55 New business / pressing safety issues

- Bike rack at Public Work Building – Dana Diller will place if we can find a rack. He will also look into a bike rack design that can be welded up and have on site by our next meeting.

12:00 Next meeting -- March 5th, 2007