

Prescott Bicycle Advisory Committee

Draft of meeting minutes, Monday November 5th at 11:00AM

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

11:00 Call to order - Introduction of committee members present: Jim Knaup, Karen Warrick, Andrew Reinhardt, Derrick Brownlee, and Mayor-elect, Jack Wilson

1. Co-Chairman Jim Knaup apologized to the committee, his absence from the Oct. 1st scheduled meeting was un-excused, and the meeting did not happen as planned.

2. Jim supplied general information to Mayor-elect Jack Wilson regarding the history of PBAC.

3. A general review of the committee's mission and ongoing projects including:

- \* Revisions to the Bicycling Opportunities map, re-publication
- \* Coordination of a publication / presentation to encourage a more bike friendly community
- \* Education and raising awareness for all citizens regarding bicycle safety issues
- \* Pursuit of Bicycle Friendly Community status for the city as recognized by the League of American Bicyclists
- \* Promotion of local bicycling events that positively impact the local economy
- \* Establishing better connectivity and signage for bike routes in the transportation system
- \* Updating and keeping relevant the priorities set out in the 2003 City of Prescott Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- \* Bringing to light and seeking solutions to pressing safety issues.
- \* Strengthening relationships with city staff to achieve these goals.

Specific topics discussed:

\* Elevating PBAC status so it was regarded as a greater authority. To encourage a greater degree of participation and support from city staff as needed. Discussed the type of city staff whose attendance would be appropriate and helpful. Chris Hoskings, trail expert for city parks and recreation, was suggested as a possibility. Also someone from streets dept that will keep PBAC appraised of street projects.

\* Desire to bolster committee's status by recruiting new citizen members with specific expertise, such as experts in legal issues, design and engineering issues, etc. Recognition of such expertise would give the committee's recommendations more credence, and help them to be more effective.

\* Sixth Street re-striping. Mayor Simmons expressed commitment to have this completed as originally recommended. Mayor-elect Wilson added his own commitment, and will follow-up on this issue as soon as practical. The question is now "when" it will be

re-stripped, not "if."

\* Jim discussed the committee's desire to work toward goal of achieving "Bicycle Friendly Community" status for Prescott. This would be a new project.

\* Karen mentioned items that PBAC had been told would get done last year, and noted those where no apparent progress has been made: such as the installation of more bike route signs and the re-stripping of bike lanes that are safety hazards. (Karen will forward list to Mayor-elect Wilson)

\* Reminded the Mayor-elect that Prescott adopted the Bike/Ped plan in 2003 and encouraged him to review it, noting it was posted on the cities website

\* Discussed the annual "Bike to Work with Mayor" event. Mayor-elect Wilson indicated he would look forward to participating in May 2008.

\* Mayor-elect Wilson announced plans for a new committee called Prescott 2050. It's purpose will be to better plan for what we want our community to "look like" in the year 2050. The plan will cover all aspects of community development, such as a complete streets policy, economic development, architectural design, and more.

\* Discussed the need for a bike rack with an appropriate design at City Hall

\* Discussed need to submit proposals regarding bicycle issues that need funding to City Council before their Jan.11-12 goal setting retreat. Suggested that we lobby individual council members, try to get a presentation during a December council meeting, and possibly attend retreat.

\* Mayor-elect Jack Wilson suggested that PBAC work with Kim Kapin to get more information out to media. He suggested that information could be included in water bill newsletter and parks and recreation information.

\* Discussed education to raise awareness. PBAC continued communication with Prescott police Dept. It has been very helpful to have Andrew Reinhardt attend meeting. Committee has been encouraging Prescott Police to stop, warn and ticket bike riders not following the rules of the road. Discussed possibility of having "Give A Bike Five Feet" bumper sticker on Prescott Police vehicles. PBAC can also supply small information booklets to Prescott officers to carry in car and hand out when they observe violations.

\* Support and publicity of local bike events that provide an economic boost to the Prescott area: Race Across America, Skull Valley Loop Challenge, Whiskey 50 for example.

\* Plans for publishing the third edition of the Prescott Bicycling Opportunities map. How we would need to have Rob Hehlen, Steve Becker, and Derek Brownlee review trails/ routes and co-ordinate with Catherine Moody. Noted some social trails that traverse Forest Service land that are not recognized by them will need to be amended before the next printing. PBAC will continue to work for better connectivity of bike routes, bike lanes and trails within the city.

\* Concerns with "No Biking" signs posted around the city. Derek also expressed concern with aggressive drivers that he has encountered more frequently in the last couple of months. Seems to indicate a great need for education of bike riders and motorists to treat each other with respect and courtesy as they share the road.

\* Mayor-elect did let us know that he would not be able to attend all our meetings but he wants to keep lines of communication open between PBAC, and himself and city council members.

Next meeting date was set for Monday, December 3, 2007.  
Meeting adjourned.