

CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2018

A. Attendance:

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Peter Livant	Not recorded	livanpd@auburn.edu

Commence: President Jeff called the meeting to order circa 7:05 p.m. C.S.T.

B. TOPICS:

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers were reappointed/elected for 2018:
 - a. Jeff LaMondia: President
 - b. Brandy Ezelle: Vice President
 - c. Bruno Ulrich: Secretary
 - d. Treasurer: N/A as City maintains records

2. BIKE BASH:

- a. Date: April 21, 2018
- b. Chairperson: Kirk Iverson. kiversen@icloud.com
- c. Sponsors: See Auburn website for current list of sponsors. Attendees asked for list of potential sponsors that may be contacted from whom to request sponsorships.
- d. Registration forms available online; options are 3, 9, and 20 mile rides.
- e. Fee is \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults.
- f. Website lists volunteer positions available for the Event. Request was made to identify persons that may be viable candidates to volunteer.

3. BIKE MAP:

- a. Stephanie Shepherd. (slshepherd@auburn.edu) is no longer able to take the lead in preparing the Bike Map in GIS format and has resigned due to personal commitments. [Aside: In her January 10th email to designated Committee members, Stephanie pointed out that progress has been made on the map and requested certain existing facility information from Members; e.g., location of pump stations, bike racks, etc.]. Currently, Jeff is in possession of the work-in-progress Map.
- b. Suggestion was made to investigate the possibility of contracting the work to a private entity. Brandy will investigate and attempt to procure budget proposal for consideration, along with via subcommittee meeting with the private entity.
- c. Subcommittee: Brandy Ezell, Bruno Ulrich, and Peter Livant.
- d. In the meantime, Brandy and/or Gabby will research to ascertain funds available for use under the Bike Committee Account.
- e. Depending on cost and available monies, sponsors may be sought to help fund completion and distribution of the Map.
- f. Follow-up suggested to keep completion on track for possible distribution at City Fest.

4. CITY FEST:

- a. Date: April 28, 2018. (It was noted that this conflicts 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. Pete Livant to take lead with David Kern assisting. Volunteers are sought to staff the Committee’s display.
- d. Questions were asked as to whether a questionnaire should be prepared to solicit responses as to attendees’ preferences for bike routes; e.g., Auburn to Opelika via Opelika Highway, Hamilton Road at Bent Creek to TigerTown, etc. Concerns were raised as to whether a questionnaire would overburden volunteers and attendees at the Event. Consensus was reached that a short questionnaire will be prepared to solicit City Fest attendees input to the Bicycle Program. The emphasis was on “short” questionnaire to better ensure obtaining attendee responses.
- e. Consensus was reached that the Committee would participate in the Fest by having a booth displaying available bicycle fliers and other pertinent information to reach out to the Community letting people know of the Committee’s existence and to further encourage bicycling in the area.

5. BIKE MONTH:

- a. Date: Month of May.
- b. Need Resolution from Mayor
- c. Auburn University classes end April 25th; Graduation is May 5th; hence, may limit AU student and faculty participation.
- d. Auburn City School: last day for students is May 22nd.
- e. A number of Auburn Elementary School principals are not willing to sponsor “Ride to School” and other events citing safety, equity, and other considerations. Preliminary indications are that only two (2) schools are willing to participate.
- f. Number of Events are scheduled for the Month of May; this include, but are not limited to: Ride of Silence; Ride-to-Work.
- g. Other events for consideration included, but not limited to: Self-reported mileage and assemblies to include safety training of 4th and 5th graders to include participation by High School and Auburn Fliers race teams.
- h. It was noted that there is only one more Committee meeting between now and Bike Month (March 26th meeting); hence, the formulation of a Subcommittee to address coordination and other needs for the Month seems warranted.

6. JEFF RAMSEY, P.E. (Director of Public Works) RETIREMENT:

Brandy brought to the Committee’s attention that Mr. Jeff Ramsey is retiring from public service. The Committee requested that Brandy extend to Mr. Ramsey its sincere appreciate for his long and tireless efforts and attention to making Auburn a better place to live.

7. OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST:

- a. Several Members expressed an interest in coordinating with the Opelika Bike Committee. Brandy commented that she had an ongoing dialogue with Shirley Lazenby of the City of Opelika’s Bicycle Advisory Committee and with City Engineer Scott Parker Phone: (334) 705-5450. SParker@opelika-al.gov.
- b. Members expressed a sincere hope that the City of Auburn would incorporate bicycle lanes in all its road improvement projects and that such facilities be incorporated into its Capital Improvements Program (the C.I.P.) and the Comprehensive Plan Update(s). This includes, but not limited to Cox Road, Richland intersection, improvements. [Aside: It should be noted that the Auburn 2020 plan “heavily favors bicycle planning (Page 83 of 126), even to the point that the Subdivision Regulations “require public easements and rights-of-way to set aside for future construction of bicycle facilities” by developers (Page 71 of 126)].

8. ***CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITONS TO THE MINUTES - made at the Monday, March 26, 2018, meeting.***
 - a. **Independent Web-based Data Base:** Request was made to begin discussions with the City for an “easily accessible and comprehensive computerized data base for individuals to search topics related to bicycles in Auburn and its environs. Linkages may be provided to other City web based data bases; e.g., Greenspace, roadway related capital improvements programs; Bike Bash, bicycle paths, etc. Brandy to open discussions with City IT and other personnel, providing a report at the next Committee Meeting schedule for the May meeting (circa Tuesday, May 29th).

The following sections (“b” through “d”) were approved by the committee via email between the January and March Meetings. Each voting point was motioned by B. Ezelle and seconded by D. Kern and unanimously supported by voting membership.

- b. **Member Reappointment:** Following individuals were reappointed for another term:
 - i. Jeff LaMondia
 - ii. David Kern
 - iii. Peter Livant
- c. **Expenditures for Bike Month Activities:** Committee approved that a total not to exceed \$800 may be spent from the Account to support Bike Month activities.
- d. **Honoring Mr. Jeff Ramsey:** Mr. Ramsey is to be honored as the *Friends of the Bicycle Community* at the May Council meeting for his contributions to the Auburn bicycle community.

End of Minutes

MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH THE ABOVE CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS NOTED AT THE MARCH 26, 2018