

# **Tucson-Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Final Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 9, 2007

**Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue**

Tucson, AZ

Prepared and Submitted by  
Secretary Richard E. Corbett

## **1: Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A quorum being present, **Chair Diana Tolton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.** Members and guests present introduced themselves (see the attendance at the end of this document).

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented, *on a motion by Donna Aversa, seconded by Steve Bresler, and passed unanimously.*

## **2: Law Enforcement Reports**

Tucson Police Sgt Tim Beam did not have the usual formal report, but stated that there were “four to five hit and runs” in April – May. He observed that total reported bicycle crashes to date this year are still down 25 to 30%. In response to a question from David Bachman-Williams, Sgt Beam also provided some information about the 14 year old rider killed this past week on Speedway, stating that it is still under investigation, and more information will be available next month.

Enforcement Sub-Committee Chair Eric Post mentioned that the Sub-Committee is addressing police training needs and will be assessing the specific statutes that need to be included in the training videos.

Sheriff’s Sgt Ken Coultas stated that there were six County bicycle crashes last month, two with minor injuries, and four without. So far this year there have been 17 (six with injury); and for the twelve months ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, the total crashes in unincorporated Pima County are 62.

## **3: Call to the Public**

Citizen Bob Lamb, President of the Saddle Brook Saddle Masters, stated that he and about 50 other bicycle users attended the April 23<sup>rd</sup> ADOT Oracle Road Study open house, and expressed concerns about the need for standard or better shoulder bike lane widths through Catalina, and grave concerns about proposals to put shared-use paths alongside Oracle Road from Ina Road northward. They recommend 1) re-striping and narrowing the traffic lanes to slow traffic through Catalina, 2) paving over the concrete gutter pan, and 3) widening the shoulders to at least five feet. He reported a one-day (morning) count of cyclists in that area, done May 6<sup>th</sup>, and resulting in 59 total bicyclists in the three-hour period.

Citizen Eric Gonnason, a 13-year bicycle commuter to Raytheon, related his experiences and urged others to ride to/from work.

Bill Adamson introduced John Pilger of Green Valley as the new President of the Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocacy Committee (SCVBAC).

#### **4: Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian**

Donna Aversa, the Chair of the Nominating Sub-Committee, was identified to run the elections. Secretary Richard Corbett, in accordance with the By-Laws, had prepared paper ballots for the election. Aversa moved to use the paper ballots, since there were two or more candidates for three of the four offices, Corbett seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Beginning with the candidates for Parliamentarian, each candidate gave a brief statement as to why they were running for the office.

Ballots were then distributed for one office at a time, with the ballots for that office being counted and the result announced before proceeding to the next position.

The Office of Chair was voted first; Vice Chair second; Secretary third (there being only one candidate for Secretary, Bachman-Williams moved that the candidate be elected by acclamation, with Zach McDonald seconding, and the motion was passed unanimously); and Parliamentarian last. The results:

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Diana Tolton</b>
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	<b>Brian Beck</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Richard Corbett</b>
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	<b>Steve Bresler</b>

New Officers will take office effective next month (June).

#### **5: Consent Agenda**

There were three motions on the consent agenda. Corbett moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with Bachman-Williams seconding the motion.

The three motions were:

- 1) Letter of support for I-19/Esperanza Transportation Enhancement project
- 2) Letter of support for Rillito & Julian Wash Transportation Enhancement projects
- 3) Letter of support for joint City/County Middle School Bicycle and Pedestrian Education Transportation Enhancement grant

Vice-Chair Wayne Cullopp questioned the availability of the meeting packet. Chair Tolton recessed the meeting for 10 minutes to give any member who had not reviewed the consent agenda items time to look at them prior to voting.

*~~~ 10 minute Recess ~~~*

Upon re-convening the meeting, Chair Tolton called upon Pima County Staff Member Lauren Harvey to add explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consent Agenda motion. Harvey briefly explained the Julian Wash and Rillito proposals, and mentioned the many supporters for the projects.

Aversa asked who the letters would come from – BAC or Facilities Sub-Committee? It was determined that it is the BAC Chair's discretion as to who signs. Chair Tolton stated that she believes that the BAC Chair and the Sub-Committee Chair should both sign the

letter, if at all possible. In all cases, the Chair should sign, or authorize use of her digital signature.

There being no questions, the motion on the floor was voted on, and passed unanimously.

## **6: Sub-Committee Reports**

**Education Sub-committee:** Chair Brian Beck reported that the sub-committee met and reviewed the PAG crash report and plans to coordinate with the Enforcement Sub-Committee to address contributing crash causes. Zach has volunteered to staff a booth at the Davis Monthan Armed Forces Day event May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tom Thivener will provide some give-aways. The Education Sub-committee standing meeting time is 7:00 pm, at Ward VI, immediately after the Executive Sub-committee. John Thaxton passed out flyers on Armed Forces Day, and again invited members to participate in two rides, 14 miles and 25 miles.

**Enforcement Sub-committee:** Chair Eric Post mentioned the current effort to develop a training video, and that the next step is to make sure all the important topics are covered. The Enforcement Sub-Committee meets once a month at the Himmel Park Library, at 5:00 to 5:45 pm, just prior to the regular BAC meeting. The Enforcement Sub-Committee's work group generally has a work session that meets once a month at 4:30 at Ward VI just prior to the Executive Sub-Committee.

**Facility Sub-committee:** Chair Bill Adamson asked Hank Rowe to explain the resolution he had led the development of (2007-1). Discussion ensued as to specifics, including bike lane line widths; lanes to the right of right turn only lanes; and travel lane width reductions. Corbett stated that 10 to 11 foot lane widths need to be approached carefully, as there are definite standards and guidelines for lane widths. Thivener mentioned that TDOT has policies in place for lane width reductions. Chair Tolton stated that she supports credibility in BAC matters. Rowe will seek additional information and bring this back next month.

Adamson then asked that the BAC support a Transportation Enhancement Grant Application from the Tohono O'Odham. Considerable discussion ensued as to the importance of showing support for the Tribe's application, and at the same time, concern was expressed as to this not being on the agenda.

David Bachman-Williams moved, with Bill Adamson seconding, to suspend the rules to allow the Facilities Sub-Committee to send a letter of support.

Aversa stated that she was concerned, as this appears to be an open meeting law violation. Parliamentarian Brian Beck stated that this opens up possibilities for abuse.

Post stated that these situations will come up from time to time and we need to have a way to deal with them. He suggested that a general letter (without specifics) might be the answer.

At this point Adamson withdrew his second, and the motion was allowed to die.

**Downtown Task Force:** Task Force Chair David Bachman-Williams reported that the Task Force was successful regarding the Streetcar track locations and alignment, to preserve the El Tour de Tucson Start-Finish area.

**Executive Sub-committee:** Due to time, there was no report. The Executive Sub-committee meets the last Wednesday of the Month (two weeks prior to the BAC meeting) at Ward VI, at 6:00 pm.

## 7: Action Items Report and Update

Due to time, there was no report

## 8. Staff Reports

Tucson Bike Coordinator Tom Thivener reported that two weeks ago he rode with BAC members Diana Tolton, Zach McDonald, Eric Post, and Rich Corbett, and invited others to ride with him periodically.

He stated that the Grant Road Corridor Task Force is being organized, and that an alternate modes representative is needed. Several members expressed interest. Chair Tolton will see who applies and appoint a BAC representative.

Matt Zoll said a Safe Routes to School bike education event took place yesterday (May 8<sup>th</sup>) at Laguna Elementary School. There were 75 fourth graders involved and surprisingly, only three did not know how to ride a bike.

Gabe Thum mentioned that the Platinum Task Force was on the PAG Transportation Planning Committee agenda May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed unanimously. The matter will be on the Regional Council's consent agenda May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Announcements

Time being out, there were none.

## 10: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

## ~~~ ATTENDANCE ~~~

### Members

Bill Adamson, Pima County  
Donna Aversa, Oro Valley  
David Bachman-Williams, Pima County  
Brian Beck, City Ward 2  
(Parliamentarian)  
Dave Boston, Ward 6  
Steve Bresler, City Ward 1  
Richard Corbett, City Ward 5 (Secretary)  
Tony Crosby, Pima County  
Wayne Cullop, City Ward 4 (Vice-Chair)  
Charles Franz, U of A  
Jean Gorman, City Mayor's  
Representative  
Merritt Howard, Sahuarita  
Norm Land, Pima County  
Martha Lemen, Pima County  
Zach McDonald, Pima County  
Eric Post, Pima County  
Hank Rowe, Pima County  
John Thaxton, Davis Monthan AFB  
Diana Tolton, Pima County (Chair)

### Staff

Sgt Tim Beam, Tucson Police  
Sgt Ken Coultas, PC Sheriff's Dept  
Lauren Harvey, Pima County  
Gabe Thum, PAG  
Tom Thivener, TDOT  
Matt Zoll, PCDOT

### Members of the Public

Karen Berchtold, Pending BAC Member  
Eric Gonnason, Citizen  
Bob Lamb, Saddlebrook  
John Pilger, Green Valley  
Eric Ryberg, citizen