



Minutes
Bicycle Advisory Commission
Community Chambers
23 Russell Blvd
Monday, December 1, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Berg - Chair, Jack Kenward - Vice Chair,
Earl Bossard, Kelli O'Neill, Alan Jackman, Virginia Matzek,
Angel York

Commissioners Absent: David Takemoto-Weerts (ex officio)

Staff Liaison: Tara Goddard, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Other Staff Present: Bob Clarke, City Engineer

Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes for November 2008

Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Commission and Staff Announcements

Staff:

- Tara Goddard reported that work is underway on the F Street Crossing Project. She announced that, while there is still some pavement rehabilitation to do, the Harper Junior High School fence on the north side of Mace Blvd/Covell is gone. She reported that the City had applied for a grant through the Bicycle Transportation Account for reconstruction and safety improvements at the H Street Tunnel. She also relayed information about new bicycle lane striping at Poleline Road and 5th Street, and let the Commissioners know that she is compiling a history of the Bicycle Advisory Commission.
- Bob Clarke gave an update on the budget. The City of Davis, while dodging some of the problems other cities are facing, is feeling the strain of the recession. Revenues are less than expected, and since some transportation projects are funded through the General Fund, they are at risk for being moved to other needs. Mr. Clarke advised the Commission that he would keep them apprised of major cuts and project delays.

Commission:

- Jack Kenward noted that the bike lane double-striping continues to be effective, even though the heavy leaf-drop season has begun.

4. Council Liaison Comments

None.

5. Public Communications

- Greg Kuperberg described the Davis Wiki page he created so that people can share “bicycle hazards and inconveniences” around town. He explained his desire to make the website “more accountable.” Tara Goddard agreed to edit the website to include emergency and Public Works contact info. She also told the Commission that she would monitor the list weekly, and bring items to staff or the Commission when necessary.
- Jim Wellington reported to the Commission that he thinks the bicycle lane double-striping has been beneficial to cyclists, but asked whether residents could be cited for putting yard waste into the bicycle lanes. He also requested more information on the City website about proper yard waste placement. Tara Goddard agreed to post the yard waste placement diagram from the Davis Recycling Guide.

6. Consent Calendar

None.

7. Major Projects Funding Program (Clarke)

The Commission discussed the list of projects in the Major Projects Funding Program. They decided it was easiest to vote for each of their three favorites, and tally those as input. The vote tally:

1. Grade-Separated Bicycle/Pedestrian Crossing of UPRR between Olive Drive and Amtrak Depot – 7 votes
2. Richards Boulevard Corridor Improvements – 5 votes
3. Improvements to First and B Street intersection – 3 votes
4. Bike Path Grade-Separated Crossing Drummond North of Albany – 2 votes
5. Improvements to Russell/Arlington and Russell/Lake intersections – 2 votes
6. Signal modification at 3rd and B Streets – 1 vote
7. Additional Core Area Parking lots – 1 vote

8. Draft Bike Plan Implementation (Goddard)

Ms. Goddard presented the current work on the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan Implementation. The Commission offered a few minor suggestions, and agreed to provide input to staff over email by December 15, 2008.

9. Long Range Calendar Review

No changes were made to the calendar as shown in the agenda packet.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.