



Minutes
Bicycle Advisory Commission
Veteran's Memorial – Game Room
203 – East 14th Street
Monday, May 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Berg – Chair, Jack Kenward - Vice Chair, Earl Bossard,
Kelli O'Neill, Dan Kehew, Anthony Palmere, Lise Smidth

Commissioners Absent: David Takemoto-Weerts (ex officio)

Staff Liaison: Tara Goddard, Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator

Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald - Mayor

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 2008

Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Commission and Staff Announcements

Staff:

- Bicycle Coordinator Tara Goddard reported on the success of Million Mile May events to date, including the opening ceremony for the Covell Boulevard undercrossing, the Bicycle Rodeo, the Bike to Work breakfast, and the high participation among Davis residents.
- Tara explained the options staff is considering at Harper Junior High, to improve bicycle accessibility and safety at the Mace Boulevard curve. The Commissioners decided to take a non-binding vote to determine the overall feeling about options. With four in favor, and three abstentions, the Commission voted in favor of having no fence on the north side of Mace Boulevard, and keeping neutral on having a fence in the median.
- Tara updated the Commission on the double-striping of the bike lanes, which is now complete. Commissioner Palmere asked about the benchmarks for success of the project, and the Commission asked what is planned for yard waste outside of the pilot area. Tara reported that she would have a more complete update at a future meeting.

Commission:

- Anthony Palmere asked why the alternate Commissioner position had not been filled. Tara explained that the City Clerk's office chose to do all the new appointments/re-appointments at the same time, this September.
- Dan Kehew reported that on May 6, 2008, City Council approved an MOU to partner with UC Davis and the California Bicycle Museum (a non-profit) to find a home for the museum and to manage it in partnership. Commissioner Kehew also reported that the City has been courting the US Bicycle Hall of Fame (USBHoF), and we will be hosting their induction ceremony this fall.
- Commissioner Kenward gave a brief update on the work of the Climate Action Team.

4. Council Liaison Comments

None.

5. Public Communications

None.

6. Consent Calendar

None.

7. Bike Friendliness Research Presentation (Bossard)

Tabled until future meeting.

8. Safe Routes to School (Berg)

The Commission discussed their desire to some form of Safe Routes to Schools reinstated in Davis. Commissioner Smidth discussed the need for evaluation of any program; explained the need for a plan to increase walking and bicycling to school, and requested that a plan be developed, in coordination with parents, to determine the needs at each school. Vice-Chair Kenward explained that the sustainability working group is proposing an embargo on cars within three blocks of any Davis school. Commissioner O'Neill emphasized the need to determine the reasons that some children do not walk or bicycle to school, and to engage the PTA. The Commission formed a subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Kenward, Smidth and Palmere, who will work with the City and the schools to chart a course for Safe Routes to Schools in Davis. Motion to form the subcommittee was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

9. Bicycle Plan Update (Goddard)

Tara explained that the final draft of the introduction, background and policy sections of the Bicycle Plan had gone out to City staff for internal review, and that she would be returning to the Commission for adoption of the Plan at the June meeting.

10. Long Range Calendar Review

The calendar was approved as shown in the June 16, 2008 agenda.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.