

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 22, 2011**

Members Present

Ron Aryel
Randy Collins
Laurie Anne Grimes
Debbie Leonard
Terry McAfee

Ernie McNeill
Mark Nichols
Carol Nicholson
Mary Ohren
Addison Wilhite

Alternates

Joseph Rodriguez
James Rossi

Reynolds Johnson
Scott Hall

Members Absent

Amy Fitch
David Keele

Ex-Officio

Bill Story

Guests

Robbin Palmer
Charlie Alexander

Katy Cole

RTC Staff

Patrice Echola
Chris Louis

Carol Perry

The meeting convened in the RTC Planning Conference Room, 600 Sutro Street, Reno, and was called to order by Chair, Debbie Leonard at 6:40 pm.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron moved to approved the agenda, Laurie Anne seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

Addison moved to approve the meeting minutes, Ernie seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 3 BRAINSTORM TO UNITE ALL BIKE/PED ORGANIZATIONS

This agenda item was designed to discuss ways to let other bike and pedestrian organizations within our community know what BPAC contributes and what RTC is doing to enhance our safety. The topic on this agenda was not fully addressed. This item will be tabled for another time.

ITEM 4 STREET SMART / BIKE TO WORK / WALK SAFETY

Carol gave an overview on the pedestrian safety walking outreach and tips; Senior Adventure Faire and how the two safety messages of Looking and Walking; the proper use of sidewalks and the use of proper clothes for walking; discussion followed.

ITEM 5 DISCUSSION ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACTION PLAN (PSAP)

Katy Cole gave an update; Katy discussed the PSAP which Fehr & Peers is developing at the same time as the master plan; discussion followed.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION ON BPAC MAP

A working committee was established to begin the task of identifying items to be corrected, added and inserted on the 2012 bike map. Also, the working committee was established to keep BPAC on track as far as scheduling is concerned therefore all of deadlines will be followed for next year; discussion followed.

ITEM 7 UPDATE RENO/SPARKS BIKE/PED PLAN (RSBP)

The draft is online and everyone on BPAC is encouraged visit the site, review the draft and submit comments to Patrice who will forward said comments onto Fehr and Peers for incorporation into the final plan. Fehr and Peers presented BPAC with two survey questions relating to the Bike Friendly Community certification: is there anyone they should talk to in order to get a better picture of what is going on in our community and what are some of the things BPAC is proud of within Washoe County; discussion followed.

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES

Discussion postponed for next month.

ITEM 9 TERRY & BILL UPDATE ON LEGISLATOR ACTIVITIES

The three-foot passing rule and vulnerable user's bill on texting and cell phone use passed however many exemptions were attached; discussion followed.

ITEM 10 MEMBER ITEMS

Ron mentioned the concept of smart phone applications in relationship to transportation, roads and bus schedules. Ron also mentioned the need to discuss driver's education.

ITEM 11 RTC STAFF ITEMS

Patrice asked if there was any interest in moving the meeting time from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm. No one was interested, therefore 6:30 pm it shall stay. Carol mentioned that there may be an issue with bike riders along Virginia Street in regards to the BUS ONLY lanes which are currently going in, the discussion followed and Patrice will have more information at the next month's BPAC meeting; discussion followed.

ITEM 12 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robbin Palmer came to BPAC to discuss the fact that the bike symbols used on the roads do not show a bike rider wearing a helmet and she expressed her concerns. (NOTE: I followed up with an email to Ms. Palmer referencing the MUTCD codes and design manuals.)

ITEM 13 AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 27, 2011 BPAC MEETING

- Standard items for the next month's BPAC agenda
- Discussion on BRT.

ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT

Ron motioned to adjourn, Carol seconded, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.