



CITY OF PENSACOLA
BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

City Hall – Vince Whibbs Conference Room
222 West Main Street, 1st Floor
Pensacola, FL 32502

September 08, 2017 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2017 meeting
3. Report on the Bicycle Friendly City checklist
 - a. Complete Streets policy
 - b. Bicycle Master Plan
4. Report on WFRPC's Advocacy Working Group: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, equity
5. Review GIS map including roads, schools, and parks for possible bike paths through Pensacola
6. Ciclovía update
7. Upcoming bike events
8. Open forum
9. Adjournment

**MINUTES
CITY OF PENSACOLA
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) MEETING
222 West Main Street (City Hall), First Floor
Vince Whibbs Conference Room
Pensacola, FL 32502**

August 11, 2017 8:30 am

PRESENT: Rand Hicks (Acting Chairperson), Tim Fox, Marie Mott

CITY STAFF: Heidi Thorsen (Director's Assistant)

CITIZENS: Sam Mathews and Jack Stevenson

1. Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by acting chairperson Hicks.

- 2. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2017 meeting.** Committee member Fox made a motion that they be approved, Committee member Mott seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

3. Updates

a. Complete Streets Policy

Brittany Ellers of the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) was going to present their presentation, but she was unable to attend.

Chairperson Hicks mentioned that he had a discussion with Councilwoman Myers and she was not aware that the BAC is meeting and discussing Complete Streets. We were hoping to have Leslie Statler from the City's Planning department, and/or Ryan Novata from the City's Public Works department present, but both of them were unable to attend. He will continue to strive to have a productive dialogue between WFRPC/City Council/Planning/Public Works.

Ms. Ellers had sent a link to the WFRPC Bicycle Master Plan, but the link did not work. Chairperson Hicks will get a working link or a pdf to the members (through City staff).

It was mentioned that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be offering a more in-depth handbook in the fall of 2017.

c. Bicycle Master Plan

Florida-Alabama TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. Their goal is to develop a non-motorized system that addresses the needs of all users and encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation. By providing alternative modes of transportation, citizens benefit not only with their own physical health, but increased prosperity for themselves and the community as a whole. The purpose of this plan is to develop a shared

vision of all communities through public input; and to develop strategies that support integration in the safe and connected networks into the overall transportation system.

b. NACTO

Chairperson Hicks mentioned that he will try to meet with Mr. Novata and discuss adopting the NACTO standards.

It was mentioned that Councilwoman Myers would be interested in attending the BAC meetings, but 8:30 is too early. The Committee members discussed changing their meeting times. Wednesday's and Friday's work best for all involved. It was decided to keep the meetings on Fridays at 8:30 am, not in the same week as the Parks and Recreation Board and Ciclovía. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 8 at 8:30 am.

4. Scenic Heights Neighborhood Association Safety Proposal

Mr. Matthews presented the proposed safety plan for the Scenic Heights Neighborhood Association. Langley Ave. does not meet the traffic quotas needed for adding 4-way stops, traffic lights, etc., but Langley does have Scenic Heights Elementary and Hitzman Park as two major landmarks/safety issues. Instead of just looking at one street, they decided to incorporate more areas of the neighborhood, and tie into other neighborhoods in Pensacola.

The Association met with City staff Keith Wilkins, Ryan Novata, a couple officers from PPD, and Vernon Stewart helped organize it. The new principal at Scenic Heights Elementary will be promoting the Walk Safe program and will consider the Safe Routes to Schools program. Traffic flow around the school has already been modified, and has slowed traffic on Langley as well. Their goal is ultimately the same, increase pedestrian and bicycle traffic while increasing safety.

Langley is due to be restriped. Most of the houses on the south side of Langley have driveways that are not on Langley. This has created an empty lane that has in the past been used for parking, but the Association will try to get it changed to a multi-use pathway.

They have also discussed a possibility of connecting the three parks north of Langley with sidewalks to the school, which will be less than ½ mile of sidewalks. They would like to be able to ride their bikes from their neighborhood to the market, Community Maritime Park, etc. safely. The object is not to recreate traffic calming devices, but to modify the existing infrastructure.

Chairperson Hicks mentioned that he would like to have a map and collectively layout some possible bike paths.

5. Hayne St. curb cuts along the multi-use path at Hollice T. Williams Park

The problem with this is that some of the curb cuts recommended would require cutting into Hayne St. which would be different City authority (Public Works) than other curb cuts which would be under Parks and Recreation authority.

Discussion followed about the presentation that will be given at some point to the Parks and Recreation Board and ultimately Council. Someone further brought up that they would like to have someone to do some grunt work, either paid staff or volunteer/intern. Possibly someone who is a sports/recreation major.

6. Ciclovía Update

The Ciclovía group has been selected, they are a very positive group. They are hopeful to get their major sponsor from last time, Humana, to come back on board with them. They would like to create a presentation that would emphasize to the public, the benefits of Ciclovía.

7. Open Forum

Mr. Stevenson related the following:

A professor of Environmental Health at Columbia University rides his bicycle to work. He and some other volunteers wore a device that measures particulates in the air that were breathed in, primarily from auto exhaust. Something as simple as a line of parked cars between the moving automobiles and the bicyclists on the opposite side significantly reduces particulate contamination.

Chairperson Hicks mentioned during Ciclovía, particulates are 13% less than when Ciclovía is not going on.

Committee member Mott mentioned that Aug 26 at 6:00 pm will be a Slow Ride at WaterBoyz.

8. Adjournment

