

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

September 08, 2017 8:30 am

PRESENT: Rand Hicks (Acting Chairperson)

CITY STAFF: Tim Land (Outdoor Recreation and Athletics Coordinator); 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. Since only one member of the Committee was present and there was no quorum, no voting took place. (Attendance was down due to people making arrangements for closures due to Hurricane Irma.)

2. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2017 meeting. Deferred until next meeting.

3. Report on the Bicycle Friendly City checklist

a. Complete Streets Policy

No report.

b. Bicycle Master Plan

No report.

4. Report on WFRPC's Advocacy Working Group: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, equity

Report was not made.

5. Review GIS map including roads, schools, and parks for possible bike paths through Pensacola

Discussion on this topic took place between Committee member, city staff, and citizens who were in attendance, and centered on the map provided by the City's GIS. It was suggested that the colors on the map be changed to the following:

Green – represents existing bike lanes

Yellow – represents proposed bike lanes

Gray (asphalt) – represents existing paved shoulders

Paved shoulders can be easily changed to bike paths. The parking lanes on Blount and Langley can easily be changed to bike lanes, if the neighbors are in agreement. Consider removing bike/auto potential conflicts by using roads such as Government St. in lieu of Garden for an east/west

thoroughfare. Government St. is wide, runs the length of downtown, with minimal stops, and not much traffic. It was mentioned that Government St. stops at Corrine Jones Park, but when the storm water construction is completed, the road will be reopened.

Brittany Ellers from the WFRPC was not able to be at this meeting, but the Committee needs to check with the TPO to be see what roads they have designated as proposed bike lanes.

Other streets that were considered included the following:

- Blount from North Hill through East Hill

- Langley Ave.

- Lakeview Ave. (East Hill)

- Avery (get clarification which part, east or west of A)

- 12th Ave. from Cervantes to Langley

- Firestone, place sharrows

- Hilltop

- Spanish Trail

- 9th Ave. from Dunmire to Olive Rd.

Not only is it important to make bike routes to get bicyclists through the City fast safely, but they also need to provide stops for commerce (shopping, restaurants, etc.)

It was suggested that after we decided where to add bike paths that a presentation be taken to the Neighborhood Associations for promotion to the citizens.

6. Adjournment