

Minutes: Conway Bicycle Advisory Board
August 26, 2009

Members Present: Greg Reddin, Greg Kendrick, Jennifer Boyett, Peter Mehl, Danny Powell, Diane Robinson, Wes Pruitt

Others Present: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Engineer Ronnie Hall, City Planner Wes Craiglow

Terms: A drawing was held to randomly choose one, two, or three-year terms for members. The results were as follows:

Term Years	First Name	Last Name
1	Greg	Kendrick
1	Diane	Robinson
2	Danny	Powell
2	Greg	Reddin
3	Wes	Pruitt
3	Jennifer	Boyett
3	Peter	Mehl

Meeting time: The board chose to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be September 16.

Mayor's Remarks: Mayor Townsell discussed the motivations for the bicycle-friendly community initiative. They include: Health, the obesity problem, opportunity for a Safe Routes to School pilot program, better community, quality of life, and economic development. With last summer's \$4/gallon gasoline prices it became a moral issue.

A Bike-Friendly Community task force was formed. The work of the task force focused on creating a bicycle master plan. The master plan contains provisions for increasing the "5 E's" introduced by the League of American Bicyclists. They are: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Evaluation, and Enforcement. Since the task force completed its work the Conway City Council adopted the master plan, this Bicycle Advisory Board, and a Complete Streets Resolution.

Discussion of New Facilities: Tucker Creek Trail expansion is underway for the Prince St – Tyler St. segment. It should be complete in early 2010. The mayor mentioned several new trails that are in the planning stage, mostly in southern Conway. The timeline is not set for these. A trail on Farris Rd. near UCA should be completed as part of the Campus Crest development. The marking and signage of Tyler St with sharrows and "Share the Road" signs was set back due to an accident. The option was discussed of hiring a contractor to do the marking.

Facility Maintenance: The need for maintenance of bike lanes and other facilities was acknowledged and discussed. All of the new bike lanes painted in the city this year are in need of repair and/or maintenance, including those on South Salem, Favre, and Tyler.

Structure: The board discussed forming four subgroups to address the “5 E’s” (combining education & encouragement). Initial interest was expressed by the following. For engineering: Greg Reddin and Danny Powell, for education: Wes Pruitt and Jennifer Boyett, for enforcement: Greg Kendrick, and for evaluation: Dianne Robinson.

Safe Routes to School: Wes Craiglow discussed the SRTS program. He is working on putting together a group to plan projects and write grants. Grant applications are due in October. Conway has been turned down for SRS grants on several occasions. It is thought that a more concerted effort would help us get more funding.