

Minutes: Conway Bicycle Advisory Board
January 20, 2010

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

Members Absent: Greg Kendrick, Erik Leamon

Others Present: City Engineer Ronnie Hall, Officer Jeff Anderson

Ronnie gave an update on bike lane maintenance. We have vacuum sweepers which don't pick up gravel very well. The city is in the process of acquiring mechanical sweepers for this purpose. It was noted that this needs to be a monthly task.

Jeff reported that the Conway PD is doing a program to patrol "crash-prone" intersections. The department has a system that tracks accidents involving bicycles.

Ronnie presented a map containing proposed bike lanes and reported that the city will bid out a project in the March timeframe.

Jennifer reported that the following education initiatives are underway:

- Preparing a spot for "Living Local" on Conway becoming bike-friendly. Will need video of racks, riders. Tentative plan is to shoot in March, air in April ahead of bike month. Need representatives from CAB and BAB for interviews.
- Conway Corp is willing to do Public Service Announcements. Jennifer will write script when schedule allows, then work with Conway Corp to produce.
- Monthly column appearing in Log Cabin Democrat. February column will cover motorist-cyclist interactions.
- Miscellaneous activities: working on Weather Channel "ticker". Channel 5 "5 Tips", 501Life bike month piece, CAB Twitter feed up. Helping renovate CAB site. Looking at Hola Arkansas.

Peter reported that he and Wes Craiglow are scheduled to appear on "Common Ground".

Bike rack design improvements and prototypes were presented. Final design changes are needed to add "fin" to top. This prevents skateboarders from abusing the racks. This project should be moving forward in the next few months.

Prince St. widening. Will be 4-lane median-divided. Ronnie presented the idea of a sidepath instead of bike lanes. The group was mixed on the idea. It seems good for young riders, but not more experienced riders using the road for transportation. Diane will look for research data about safety of different types of facilities.

Dianne agreed to look into getting graduate students to design an online mapping application.