

Bicycle Advisory Board meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2012—6 p.m.
Conway City Hall

Members present: Peter Mehl, Jennifer Boyett, Wes Craiglow, James Bruce, Lynn Schaefer, Erik Leamon, Greg Reddin, Duston Morris

Ex-officio: Chief A.J. Gary, Ronnie Hall

Guests: David Barber; CPD Major Joe Taylor; Finley Vinson, Conway Streets Department traffic engineer

Items in bold require action on the part of individual board members or the group as a whole.

1. Way-finding signage for Conway's first signed bike route: Progress report from Ronnie. Ronnie and Finley showed the group maps of the signage for the Shady Oaks bike route. After discussion, **the group authorized Ronnie to begin placing the signs as decided.**
2. Conway Bike Network map/ Cadron Trail map (Erik). Erik said the bike network map was about ready to go to press but just needed a route update. **Wes, Peter and Erik will meet with Jason to add the recent improvement to Conway streets**, e.g. Donaghey.
3. Blaney Hill Project (Greg and Duston). Greg reported that the group was outlining a plan and was discussing matters in a google group. Peter reported that Doug Carmichael at Acxiom was willing to help the group. **Greg will contact him.**
4. RPAC activities (Peter). Peter reported that MetroPlan is working on a 2040 plan for central Arkansas and he is on the advisory committee. There appears to be strong support for bicycling and pedestrian facilities going forward.
5. Officers for 2012, chair and vice-chair needed. Erik was nominated for Chair for 2012; he asked to think about it and meet with Peter on responsibilities. **Peter and Erik will meet.** [Erik has since agreed to be chair for 2012.] Duston agreed to be vice-chair contingent on Erik being chair. Lynn will continue as secretary.
6. Merger with SRTS committee (David Barber, guest). David was asked to provide his perspective on a merger. He agreed that merging to create one city board was a good idea insofar as the safe routes to schools committee had disbanded and there is a grant to be spent. Discussion followed about possible names for the new board, updating the mission statement, and expanding membership. Most seemed to think that Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board was the best name. It was agreed that the board should be increased by four, with two members representing pedestrian issues and two members drawn from Conway schools. **Peter will draft a memo sent to Tab for his approval, and then on to City Council.**

7. Public relations campaign (Jenn). Jenn shared information about costs to run educational announcements in various venues, e.g. the Log Cabin Democrat. Discussion followed, with suggestions for other venues, such as at the new movie theater, and through Conway Corporation. **Jenn and Peter will meet with Wes to discuss the process for spending grant funds.**
8. Public forum plans. Peter reminded the group that we had said we would get public input. Discussion followed and the board decided to postpone until after spring activities.
9. Annual report for 2011. Peter asked if there was any more input for the 2011 annual report, which he sent to members.
10. Next meeting—Thursday, Feb. 16 at Conway Police Department training room.