

**CALISTOGA BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2010, 4:30 P.M.**

**CITY HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
1232 WASHINGTON STREET
CALISTOGA, CA 94515**

Committee Members: Michael Costanzo, Dieter Deiss, Peter Potrebic, Glenn Pope and Brad Suhr

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Costanzo, committee member; Dieter Deiss, committee member and Peter Potrebic, committee member

Others in Attendance: Erik V. Lundquist, Associate Planner, Gary Kenworthy, citizen and Wendy Hilberman, Executive Director Napa County Bicycle Coalition

Absent: Brad Suhr, committee member and Glenn Pope, committee member

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Michael Costanzo, seconded by Dieter Deiss to adopt the agenda as written. Vote 3-0-2.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Erik V. Lundquist announced that the meeting minutes of May, 5, 2009 were adopted October 27, 2009.

Motion by Dieter Deiss, seconded by Peter Potrebic to adopt the Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2009 and October 27, 2009 as written. Vote 3-0-2.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Bicycle Advisory Committee Work Plan

Michael Costanzo indicated a sense of urgency in updating the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) and indicated that a scope of work should be established. Although, Mr. Costanzo went on to say that since the Bike to Work Day activities held precedence, he would simply make a motion to make modifications to the BTP and direct staff to bring the matter back the committee at the next Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting for further discussion. Peter Potrebic seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-2.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bike to Work Day Event – May 13, 2010

Dieter Deiss stated that overall there has been an historic disappointment surrounding the event due to the lack of attendance. The disappointment was discussed at the Napa County BAC meeting but it was recognized that the parents are concerned with safety. Out of this an idea was born to install temporary Class II lanes along the predominate routes to school on May 13, 2010, Bike to Work Day. He said an event such as this could reach out to parents and give the kids a sense of security on the trips to school. **Mr. Deiss** indicated that signs, cones and painting could occur along the routes to inform vehicles and bicyclist of the event. Additionally, the temporary improvements would mimic the actual improvements called for in the 2007 Bicycle Transportation Plan. Lake Street would be emphasized and the school turn out would have a positive impact on the community. **Mr. Deiss** noted that the Principal, Kevin Eisenberg was previously awarded the bike commuter of the year award and would surely help promote the event. **Mr. Deiss** further stated that the event could culminate in a community bike rally.

Wendy Hilberman expressed that the Coalition would advocate for the event.

Gary Kenworthy said he would volunteer.

Michael Costanzo indicated that the some serious planning meetings needed to take place to get the event together. **Mr. Costanzo** stated that the City Council and the Public Works Director needed to be on board with the plans. He also stated that perhaps a special task force should be established to work on the event. Kenworthy, Hilberman and Potrebic agreed to be on the task force with Mr. Costanzo. **Mr. Costanzo** moved to schedule a task force meeting for April 16, 2010 at 9 AM at 1701 Washington Street. Committee consensus to proceed with planning effort.

Erik V. Lundquist indicated that there was a small budget of \$800 that could be used if necessary.

6. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Peter Potrebic provided a brief statement and update regarding the planning efforts for this year's April Fools event.

Dieter Deiss provided an update on the Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan. He noted that the consultant selection was ongoing but informed the group that was involved in the Steering Committee to work with the selected consultant and the lead agency, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency (NCTPA). Mr. Deiss stated that he sent an email dated March 3, 2010 to NCTPA. He said being involved in the Steering Committee was labor intense but looking forward to the work.

Peter Potrebic indicated an interest in the Steering Committee. He said he is also looking into the Engineering Committee for the Napa Valley Vine Trail.

Dieter Deiss stated that the Vine Trail Coalition encourages wine growers to be part of the Coalition. Beckstoffer is on one of the sub committees. **Mr. Deiss** stated their hope is that once other wineries see other wineries party to the Coalition they will want to join too. **Mr. Deiss** stated that one of the Coalition's goals is to create safe commuting by creating a ladder of Class I trails. **Mr. Deiss** stated that the City of St. Helena has a 2.2 mile section in the works that is 50% funded for the Coalition. He further stated that the 6.4 miles from St. Helena to Calistoga is going to be more difficult. Mapping is currently ongoing in and around Bothe Park. Ultimately, the Vine Trail should end at Oat Hill Mine Trail; Class I to Dunaweal, Fair Way Extension to Lincoln Avenue. At the Depot, uniform benches, signage, etc should be installed.

Wendy Hilberman indicated that the Napa County Bicycle Coalition is a strong advocate for gap closure. She indicated that the Napa County Bicycle Coalition became a non-profit about 2 and one-half years ago and was continuing to grow and encouraged the Committee Members to join. Overall, their goal is to build awareness of bicycling throughout the County.

Ms. Hilberman stated that this years nominations for bike awards will be accepted for many different categories in different age groups. There will be student, lifestyle rider and employee categories. **Ms. Hilberman** stated that on May 6th, 2010 an event will be held wherein the awards will be presented. **Ms. Hilberman** stated that she would be assisting in the tote bag distributions.

Peter Potrebic indicated his knowledge of the Sonoma Bicycle Coalition, stating that the Napa County Bicycle Coalition has the potential to seek a substantial return on investment. **Mr. Potrebic** stated that he would attend tonight's City Council meeting to promote the April Fool's event.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Costanzo, stated that as a result of the discussion tonight he would like to hold the next regular BAC meeting in June. **Peter Potrebic**, seconded the motion. Vote 3-0-2. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.