

Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

Meeting Minutes

3/13/13

Present: Mark Fuller, Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Josh Shea, Jeremiah Bartlett

Staff: Gary Johnson

Guests: Jamel Torres

Updates

Ed – 6pm March 20th Downtown Circulation Study, April 2nd Complete Streets Policy workshop in Lewiston

Bob – Bob has seen some state bills regarding biking. One has to do with who is at fault in a bike-car accident. Another bill sets aside money for trails. Peggy is co-sponsoring a complete streets bill, which would be a study of what a bill would mean. Margaret Craven is a supporter of bike stuff but is really excited about trains. Peggy will put feelers out to see how other legislators feel about our rail-to-trail project. John Grenier is working on a bike training program for kids. He is also putting together a pro-race for downtown Lewiston for the balloon festival. Bob is working with John to put together a criterium race for the pro's in downtown Lewiston.

Jeremiah – New BCM office is now located near Jeremiah, which is convenient. Portland is going to do a bike-sharing workshop with the EPA.

Mark – We have talked with Pan Am and their real estate dept is looking at the issue. We are waiting for a call from them to say whether they are willing to sell it and for what price. Attended downtown circulation study meeting.

Gary – Auburn council workshop is this coming Monday at 5:30pm. Currently, we don't know where on the agenda our item is located and how much time we'll have to present. Josh suggested the presentation include info on the economic benefit of the policy, as well as the fact that it's in alignment with the comprehensive plan. Josh will try to speak first to start the discussion off on a positive note.

Craig – Talked to Nate Libby about rail to trail and asked if any of the legislators have objections to the project, please let us know.

Josh – There's a movie showing at LAFF in April that includes bicycling in it. People should go.

Minutes Approval for previous meeting 2/13/13

Mark made a comment on the minutes. On the second page, Mark said that there is an inaccuracy. It says that if MDOT takes over the rail line again, any bridges that are restored need

to be done to standards that would support rail. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeremiah seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0)

Jamel Torres from Healthy Androscoggin

Jamel is a new staff person at HA and graduate from the Muskie school. He is helping do research for Lisbon regarding healthy rural living. He is interested in assisting our committee in our work. Jamel has 20 hours for physical activity work. He has possibly 3-5hrs/week to help us. Jamel is willing to be involved in LABPC, even if he doesn't have a voting position. Mark brought up the issue that education is part of our mission statement. He asked how can we do that? Perhaps Jamel can help with the education side. Both adults and children need information about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Perhaps HA has resources to do that sort of stuff.

For next meeting, we will have a resolution ready to formalize Jamel's relationship to the committee.

Street Plans

There's a meeting coming up on March 27th 6pm at Lewiston City Hall.

Cedar Street

ATRC is meeting Thursday morning to discuss how bicyclists safely enter Veteran's bridge. Gary will be at the meeting.

Circulation study is March 20th, 6pm in Lewiston. The meeting presenters/consultants will ask for public input. The project will look at, among other things, having a three-lane section across the Peace Bridge with 14-foot lanes and 6-foot bicycle lanes. Lisbon Street inbound to Cedar Street was examined, as well as as Cedar to Main Street is being examined for a single lane. With some adjustments to where the existing cobbles are, the street could be restriped for a bicycle lane.

Looking at Hotel Road – can there be a bike lane provided? Hotel Road only has that some sections.

Next Meeting is 5pm on Wednesday, March 27th at Lewiston City Hall