



Bicycle Friendly Community Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 11:30 AM at NLR City Services, Conference Room A

Attendance: Jeff Caplinger (NLR), Ian Hope (NLR), Shep (NLR), Charlie Hight (NLR), Robert Voyles (NLR), Bernadette Rhodes (NLR), Mark Rogers (Big Dam Bridge Foundation), Andrew Pownall, Basil Hicks (CATA), Judy McDowall (ABC); John Barton (JBarCycling Blog)

I. Welcome

- a. Introductions - *question about riding at Camp Robinson -- go to VC at front gate; need DL and vehicle registration and insurance if you will be driving onto the base; get annual pass (age 65+ free or \$25 for all others; \$5 three day pass for out of towners Mon.-Thu.) or show pass; sign in/out*
- b. Status of committee - this is your committee and as such you should set the direction - *Charlie and Jeff will compare mailing lists to get one complete list; help LR Complete Streets program by inviting LR BFCC to attend our meetings*
- c. Meeting Frequency - *meet once per quarter and have at least one evening meeting - second Tuesday of the second month of each quarter*
- d. Officer Elections - *Charlie will act as Chair and Jeff will act as Secretary*

II. Outstanding Issues Update

- a. NLR Bicycle Plan Update Schedule - possibly every 2-4 years instead of each year - *Update the plan every four years beginning in 2016 starting at February meeting to prep for the BFCC application in 2017*
- b. Parking concerns at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum - consider having directional signs for "Arkansas River Trail Parking" - *doesn't appear to be an issue at this time (especially in the early morning); take down signs if they are not going to be enforced (Charlie to give update at May meeting)*
- c. Broadway Bridge Update - closure of Arkansas River Trail - *trail closure (between Willow Street and Karrott Street) to start in about 2-3 weeks and continue for life of the project; shared route with committee; additional - Charlie brought up issue of more people (primarily pedestrians) using LR side of ART than NLR because of more access points and development and things to do - possibly put parking lot at Quarry gate, but may wait until Game and Fish puts in their launch, larger parking lots in Burns Park (mayor's gate, catfish road), playground equipment at cooks landing*
- d. Bicycle/Pedestrian Count - May 16 & 19 / September 12 & 15 - volunteers needed - *changed dates to May 12 from 5-7 pm and May 16 from 12-2 pm; Charlie will send email to get volunteers and location assignments; packets to be picked up at May meeting or a few days prior*

III. Other Outstanding Issues

- a. Overlay program - implement bicycle plan; work with advocates and Mayor/Chief - *not discussed*
- b. TAP Funding - extend Levy Trail (Robert Voyles) - *applications are due April 1 and will be submitted by Robert (waiting on legal and council); needs 20% matching funds; City Council support needed from bicycle groups; committee members to contact their Aldermen; Charlie to contact Mayor Smith upon receipt of legislation from Robert; committee focus to get TAP funding (benefits, features, etc.); Bernadette mentioned trash along Levy Trail is an issue, Parks will now be overseeing maintenance of Levy Trail; John mentioned Rock Quarry buildings being not over/destroyed {update - structures were considered unsafe}*
- c. River Road Signage recommendations - we were told to wait until construction was finished before pursuing this further - *reviewed signage plan; mentioned rumble strips for west bound motor-vehicle traffic on Rockwater Blvd to alert motor vehicles to bike crossing but also the noise may alert trail users of oncoming traffic (Charlie to visit with Danny Bradley and Chris Wilborn)*
- d. Arkansas River Trail to Levy Trail Access and Recommendation from Volunteers for Levy Trail (VOLT) to include moving the bike route to having it connect to the



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tourist/business areas of North Shore Business District, Argenta Arts District, NLR HS, Recreation Centers and Libraries - *not discussed*

- e. Sharrows on Kierre between Claycut and Faircove (to be installed as of August 2014) - still to be done - *Charlie will inquire about this*
- f. Message from Jim Britt about Levy Trail - might it be possible to put some signs on Camp Robinson Road to direct riders to the beginning of the paved trail and maybe a few of the other cross streets? (August 2014) - *mentioned, but not discussed*
- g. Trail and Argenta improvements from Greg Nabholz which would include a trail from the Junction Bridge to Broadway - *mentioned, but not discussed*
- h. Stripe shoulders on North Hills Blvd. - work with Chris Wilbourn and Danny Dillon - we were told this could be done once stripping truck is back in action - *may have an update at the May meeting*

IV. Good of the Order

- a. National Bike Month is May
 - i. Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 6, 2015
 - ii. CycloFemme is Sunday, May 10, 2015
 - iii. Bike to Work Week is May 11-15, 2015 - *BACA and Metroplan usually handles a lot of this*
 - iv. Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15, 2015
- b. Next NLR BFCC meetings at 11:30 am at NLR City Services
 - i. Tuesday, May 12, 2015
 - ii. Tuesday, August 11, 2015
 - iii. Tuesday, November 10, 2015

V. Adjourn

- a. **Other Mentions** - *April 11, 18, and May 2 TourdeRock training rides (NLR BFCC to 'sponsor/lead' a ride or rest stop?; Ian volunteered to lead one; Charlie offered to help set up a rest stop)*