



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2010**

Voting Members Present:

Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	Texas Department of Transportation
Annette Prosterman	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Abel Gonzales (alt)	Citizen/Cindi Snell
Georgianne Gale (alt)	Citizen/Roger Christian
Julia Diana	CoSA Office of Environmental Policy
David Arciniega	CoSA Parks and Recreation Department
Dr. Della Corales	Rotating Bicycle Organization
John Mayfield	San Antonio Wheelmen
Luis Marti	School District Representative
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
John Osten	CoSA Planning and Development Services
Valerie Flinn	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
George Aguilar	Law Enforcement/Bicycle Patrol
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Ambar Perez	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Jim Doersan	San Antonio River Authority
Jim Britton	Britton Bike Shop
Phil Crane	The Real Estate Council of San Antonio
David Clear	City of San Antonio/City South

1. Roll Call

Ken Zigrang called the meeting to order and there was a quorum present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Jim Doersan, an engineer from the San Antonio River Authority, introduced himself and stated he is an avid cyclist and very interested in participating in the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee.

Jim Britton stated he will be attending the National Bike Summit in Washington DC and extended an invitation to BMAC to also send someone who can represent the San Antonio area. He went on to suggest that if there is a particular workshop of interest to let him know and he'll try to attend.

Phil Crane introduced himself. He represents the Real Estate Council of San Antonio and is interested in being involved with BMAC. Phil stated the Real Estate Council could be a liaison for communication to the development community.

David Clear introduced himself as a former BMAC member when he was with the San Antonio Parks Department. He is currently working in the Economic Development Department for the City of San Antonio at City South and would like to see City South gain permanent membership on BMAC.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the January 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Lydia Kelly corrected the BMAC Communications to read Flat Rock Ranch instead of Flat Ranch. This correction was made.

Abigail Kinnison moved to approve the January 13, 2010 meeting minutes with the correction and Annette Prosterman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Linear Greenways Projects

Brandon Ross, Manager for the Linear Greenways Project, City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, presented a monthly update for Greg Hammer. Brandon went over a recent survey used to gather information about visitors to Salado Creek, Leon Creek and Medina River. The survey gained feedback on the creekway facilities to include: level of satisfaction, how often they are visited, what benefits are gained and what improvements would like to be seen. Brandon presented the results of the survey in PowerPoint format. The document is included in these minutes.

Brandon stated there are five segments completed totaling 16 miles and that over 1000 acres of property has been purchased. It is a continuous process with support from the community.

For information and discussion only.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Westside Creekways

Abigail Kinnison is a representative for the Westside Creekways Oversight Committee and provides monthly updates on the San Antonio River Authority project. Abigail stated they were preparing for the last public meeting for the Westside Creeks Project that will be held on Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the VIA Metro Center. All are encouraged to attend.

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6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Initiatives

Julia Diana provided an update on several initiatives the City of San Antonio (CoSA) is currently working on. Julia distributed a copy of the online survey of persons who live, work or plays downtown about their perceptions and preferences for riding bikes in San Antonio. Julia stated that a total of 559 responses were received. The results of the survey are included in the end of these minutes.

The Safe Passing Ordinance passed and Julia thanks everyone who wrote in and attended the Governance Committee and City Council meetings.

Julia provided a brief update on the process underway for consideration of very creative proposals for a bike share / bike rental / bike station program in San Antonio.

Julia announced that the consultant for the Bicycle Master Plan Update is being finalized and she hopes the process begins soon.

Julia reported that the Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference was well-attended and San Antonio is on the map for a number of initiatives to include the Safe Passing Ordinance and the Linear Creekway projects. There seems to be lots of interest in our bike initiatives from around the state. Lydia commented on the workshop, as well, and stated that she will submit a review of the workshops she attended. The review is attached to the end of these minutes.

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7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bicycle Initiatives

Abigail Kinnison provides monthly update on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project along Fredericksburg Road and VIA's SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan is moving forward. Abigail invited all to visit www.smartwaysa.com.

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8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee's By-Laws

Lydia Kelly explained that the vacant position was posted it seemed to spark interest from organizations wishing to be included in bicycle planning in the region. Three letters of interest were received. Betsy Erne, Special Projects Manager for City South San Antonio, Suzanne Scott, General Manager for San Antonio River Authority and Martha Mangum, Executive Director for Real Estate Council of San Antonio submitted letters of interest to BMAC.

Ken Zigrang suggested that a subcommittee be formed to further discuss the request for permanent status and report back to BMAC next meeting. Lydia agreed and she will send out a couple of possible dates to meet. She asked that this meeting be combined with a subcommittee meeting to review applications for the Alternate to the Rotating Bicycle Organization position. There was consensus that two meetings back to back would be appropriate.

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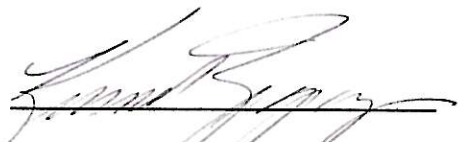
9. BMAC Communications

John Mayfield stated that the San Antonio Wheelmen's Beginner Rider Education Course will be beginning soon along with an intermediate class. More information can be found by visiting www.sawheelmen.com.

Abigail Kinnison announced VIA is conducting some quick education classes for the bus drivers for the requirements that come with the Safe Passing Ordinance which is effective immediately.

Lydia Kelly reminded everyone the Walk & Roll Event has been finalized for May 15th at HemisFair Park. There will be a 5k and a 10k walk sponsored by Volksmarchers along with biking events. The bike rides will be handled differently this year. Instead of riding away from the event, cyclists will ride into the event producing spokes to a wheel. HemisFair Park is the hub of the wheel. Lydia asked all BMAC members to please consider leading a ride from a location of their choice and to get Lydia the information as soon as possible. Additional details will be forthcoming by email and also by visiting www.walkandrollsa.com.

With there being no other business Ken Zigrang adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.



**Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee
Ken Zigrang
Vice Chair**