

Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board

Wednesday July 14th, 2021, at 5:00 pm

City of Bonita Springs

Liles Hotel 27300 Old 41 Road Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Joe McClamma

Scott Schnappauf

Tim Dempsey

Lindsay Robin

Staff

Sean Gibbons

Councilman Mike Gibson

Speaker

Patty Huff (Adventure Cycling Association)

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes: (4-28-21) & (5-21-21)

Mr. Schnappauf moved to approve the April 28 and May 21 meeting minutes; Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS: US Bike Route 15 Alignment Through Bonita Springs

A. Ms. Patricia Huff Adventure Cycling Association

Mr. Gibbons directed the Board to look at the handout, "Building Bicycle Tourism with the U.S. Bicycle Route System" and introduced Ms. Patricia Huff from the Adventure Cycling Association.

Ms. Huff stated she is very excited about the route and has been looking forward to it for about 15 years. The purpose is to build bicycle tourism. Ms. Huff went over the handout with the Board. Highlights included:

- Build Bicycle Tourism throughout the US Bicycle System, USBR
- USBR designation indicates a road that has gone through the process.
- To grow a national network of Bicycle routes
- Coordinated by Adventure Cycling

- Adventure Cycling Association:
 - Empower people to travel by bicycle.
 - 50,000 miles of adventures and maps
 - National advocacy
 - 53,000 members

Ms. Huff spoke about the history of Adventure Cycling and how they got started.

Ms. Huff stated that East Coast Greenway is working on trails from Maine to Key West. Adventure Cycling is working with East Coast Greenway.

Ms. Huff stated they would like a resolution or letter of support from municipalities, like the City of Bonita Springs. So far Ms. Huff has spoken to Charlotte County Lee County and Collier County.

Ms. Huff showed the proposed route through the City of Bonita Springs showing where it comes into Bonita on Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway.

Mr. Gibbons spoke about the safest routes through the City. Mr. Gibbons stated that the Adventure Cycling Association is looking for universal support and a letter to FDOT.

Mr. Schnappauf thought the presentation was outstanding and offered his support Mr. Schnappauf also stated that if they are talking about economic development and tourism and how Bonita Springs plays into it, he suggested rerouting the trail through Old Bonita.

Councilman Gibson stated the way they have it looks like the safest route.

Ms. Robin stated if what they need right now is a letter of support, the Board can do that.

Mr. Gibbons stated said he and Councilman Gibson can work on the letter of support for the Board's review and then present to present to Council.

Mr. Dempsey speaking suggested a trail on Vanderbilt Road by the beach and cut back up to Livingston. Mr. Dempsey also commented than Livingstone Road toward Bonlta Beach Road has some obstacles, but Logan Road has a beautiful double wide trail system that is close to the CREW areas. Ms. Huff will look at Logan.

Ms. Huff thanked the Board for their input and invited them to reach out to her with any suggestions they may have. Ms. Huff provided her contact information. The Board thanked Ms. Huff for her efforts.

Mr. Shnappauf made a motion in support of the Adventure Cycling Association; Ms. Robin seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Safety/Network/Areas of Concern:

[Road Maintenance System Interactive Map \(LDOn](#)
[Florida Department of Transportation](#)
[Lee County Department of Transportation Contact Page](#)
[City of Bonita Springs Public Works Department](#)

B. Bike Ped Month Event Recap:

How did it go? What more can we do? Looking to Next Year!

Mr. Gibbons spoke to Ms. Leonard regarding an event next year and suggested additional vendors and logistics. The Board discussed the event, how it went and ideas for next year.

Mr. Dempsey suggested giving children education during the back-to-school drives.

I. ANY MEMBER ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Mr. Gibbons spoke about the Blue Zone and Complete Streets programs and has provided check lists to developers to give them guidance and training.

Mr. Gibbons reported that the Governor just signed a bill on bicycle regulations and safety incl. Jding criteria for electric bicycles. The bill also includes guidance for drivers in terms of passing space.

Councilman Gibson would like to look at Mr. Dempsey's idea of getting trails out by the Nature Place.

The Board spoke about getting different organizations together to help build bike trails. Mr. Gibbons will leave this item on the agenda.

Councilman Gibson spoke about concerns regarding liability on bike trails.

Mr. Gibbons reported that they still have their full budget. Mr. Gibbons will take an inventory of what they have for promotional materials to see if they need more. Ms. Robin asked about getting new shirts.

II. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE (August 11th, 2021)

Next meeting date confirmed for August 11, 2021. Mr. McClamma asked if he could call in if he cannot attend. Mr. Gibbons stated that he can call in but would not be able to vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Robin made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Schnappauf seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte (09-21-2021) _____
Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

The July 14, 2021 meeting minutes were approved at the September 8, 2021 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Advisory Meeting:

Mr. Schnappauf moved to approve the July 14, 2021, meeting minutes, Board member seconded; motion approved unanimously.

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