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DRAFT Minutes – Dec 5, 2007

Attendance: John Pilger (JP), Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Bill Adamson, Kevin McDonald, Chuck Hill, Jean Gorman, Merritt, Howard, Gloria Smith, Joan VanDenbos

1. John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.
2. The minutes of the Nov 7, 2007 meeting were approved as presented. Tony Crosby, Scribe, said that draft minutes should be available on the website about one week after meetings.
3. Sheriff Department: Sgt Jim was not present. A discussion of Shootout was conducted later in the meeting. See Public Concerns.
4. Status of Projects and Advocacies:
  - a) Santa Cruz County –Joan VanDenbos:
    - Joan said that volunteers had cut back bush and performed other maintenance on the East Frontage Road between mile 34 and the Post Office.
    - Later in the meeting Gloria Smith expressed concern that the newly repaved SH 82, from Nogales to Patagonia, might have its excellent shoulders ruined by the addition of rumble strips. JP offered to link her with Mike Sanders, ADOT, for information on the current rumble policy.
  - b) Anaz Trail–Joan VanDenbos:
    - A crew from the Anza Trail Coalition had installed two bridges about a mile north of Tubac. There now seems to be less resistance to the trail from the management of the golf resort. There are some efforts being made to make the trail an international trail extending from California, through Arizona and Sonora, to Sinaloa.
    - Chuck Hill said he is working on the crossing problems near golf courses in Pima County and suggested Joan might have good sources for information. . Bill Adamson said he and Chuck would be meeting with Steve Anderson, the chief trails planner for Pima County Parks and Recreation, who may shed some light on the problem. Also Kevin McDonald offered to link with Chuck on trail continuity in Sahuarita.
  - c) Green Valley–Jim Jordan:
    - Continental Safe Routes to School. Pima County says this project will go despite funding issues. Design should be complete and ready for construction as early as next summer. A meeting will be held Dec 10 at the Continental School for public input on the project.
    - Duval Mine Rd. Jim has a new contact with Phelps Dodge Sierrita, Richard Ducote, and reports the mine is showing interest in improving bike safety on that road, which is also

- a RTA project.
  - The Esperanza/I-19. Jim said that the crossing could possibly be a “Sharrow” project, a combination of bike and car lane.
- d) GVCCC Traffic & Arroyos Updates–Jim Jordan:
- Construction on the East Frontage Road at Continental may start in fall 2008.
  - The stub of roadway left after the relocation of the West Frontage Road at Continental is being considered for a Park and Ride.
  - Roundabout at Canoa Ranch still waiting but some equipment has been observed near the site.
  - Pima County is studying options for the intersection of Continental and Camino del Sol.
  - Campbell Road will not be extended to White Horse Canyon Road until more houses are built in the area it serves.
- e) Sahuarita–Merritt Howard:
- Campbell Avenue is, in effect, done for the 2.2 miles from Quail Crossing to Madeira Highlands Parkway.
  - The resurfacing and addition of bike lanes on Pima Mine Road is complete. There are some gaps in the lanes at the west end by the Casino and east end near the junction with the Nogales Highway. Work on the Old Nogales Highway is underway.
  - Kevin McDonald brought up the lack of paved shoulders on La Villita, a popular route for kids riding and walking to schools.
  - Kevin also mentioned Barbara Dolan said the town wants to have a road opening celebration to mark the completion of new bike lane improvements. JP thought it could be combined with part of a Road One class, followed by a ride. Merritt suggested this event should wait until Phil Conklin, Vice Mayor, is in town.
  - Kevin said Quail Creek is forming a riding club of “cruisers”. He mentioned later that he is pushing for a bike recreation area for kids in Sahuarita.
- f) South of Broadway–Jean Gorman:
- Jean brought down and distributed copies of the Walkin’ & Rollin’, Pima County bike maps, and the Tucson Green News Magazine, which contained an article on the TPCBAC by Kim Beck.
  - Sahuarita Road has a chip seal shoulder from Alvernon west to Country Club. Jean did not know how suitable this would be for bicycles.
- g) RTA, RTP & TIP Projects-Bill Adamson:
- Bill still has concerns over the integrity of the list of RTA projects. PAG will reconstitute the Bike/Ped Working Group to review the ranking of projects.
- h) TPCBAC & Facilities Subcommittee Updates–Bill said the Facilities Subcom would be revisiting the project list for currency.
- i) Frontage Roads-Bill said that the frontage road study group is getting good input and does not appear reluctant to identify problems. Santa Cruz County has many problems with the usage of their frontage roads.
- j) Road Safety Issues-JP said he and Larry Coffin plan to survey cattle guards this coming Monday.
- k) West Desert Preserve–Bill said that the WDP is on the Sahuarita Town Council agenda and he hopes to win their endorsement for the project.

## 5. Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) Bike Safety Classes- JP is still pushing for more attendance with the eventual goal of having classes in the local area.
  - b) Bicycle Friendly Arizona/LAB-Bill said he had attended a Bicycle/Pedestrian Steering Committee meeting where Mike Sanders brought up the subject of a new League of American Bicyclists program to recognize bicycle friendly states. The SCVBAC decided to authorize a letter to the Governor urging her support for making Arizona bicycle friendly.
  - c) Website–Chuck brought up the website hosting question. Kevin repeated his offer to provide space that he has available and said that there would be no problem in Internet connectivity using our existing URL.
  - d) Ride of Silence–Chuck said that the website for the ROS organization has not been updated with results from this years ride.
  - e) ID Bracelets- JP said he would supply the contact information to the scribe, which is: [www.RoadID.com](http://www.RoadID.com) or 800-345-6336
6. Public Concerns: Tony brought up the problem of the “Shoot Out” which had been addressed by Sgt Jim in November. A letter was sent to the TPCBAC last month to solicit their assistance and Tony pointed out it is on the agenda of the Education/Outreach Subcommittee for Dec 10. Various member spoke about the need for racers to train in a realistic environment as well as the need for good community relations and the need for safety. Jean said she would use her contacts in Tucson to back channel our concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. Next scheduled meeting will be Jan 2, 4:00 pm, at the West Center conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe