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DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Feb 13, 2008

Attendance: John Pilger, Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt Nick Copelin (Pima County Sheriff Dept), Bill Adamson, Basil Baker, Jane Martin, Officer Mike Blevins (Sahuarita PD), Hank Deutsch, Al Miller.

1. John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 4 PM. JP welcomed Nick Copelin and Mike Blevins to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.
2. The minutes of the Dec 5, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.
3. Sheriff Department:
  - a) Sgt Nick reported that no recent complaints on the Shootout had been received. He did say that a dangerous situation exists with bicycles on the east frontage road without lights. JP said the SCVBAC discourages the use of frontage roads where alternative routes (Albrego, Camino del Sol) exist.
  - b) JP brought up the great support provided by the Sheriff Department for the Ride of Silence last year, which really enhanced the presence of the ride.
4. Sahuarita Police Department: Officer Mike mentioned the Bike Rodeo for Kids to be held Saturday, Feb 16, with the support of Green Valley Bike and Hike.
5. Status of Projects and Advocacies:
  - a) Town of Sahuarita - JP covered topics for Merritt Howard:
    - JP solicited help from members for the Sahuarita Community Connections Fair to be held Mar 1, noon to 4 PM. Kevin McDonald said he would support a bicycle booth as a representative of the SCVBAC. Bill Adamson said it would be a good opportunity to publicize the town's new bike lanes. JP said it would be a good place to push existing bike maps and points of contact for visiting bicycle riders.
    - Bill Adamson brought up the need for a good Green Valley bike map. Popular routes, both on and off road, need to be identified and measured. Pima County can provide for the printing. Kevin will support this effort and Chuck Hill has been involved in earlier efforts. JP will work the effort from the standpoint of making it easier for visitors to find out about popular routes and contact points for further information.
  - b) Santa Cruz County Roads and Wilderness – JP covered notes from Lee Blackwell: Routes under I-19 will require a free encroachment permit according to Greg Gentsch, ADOT. This seems to open up the possibility of providing additional access across the highway.
  - c) Anza Trail – JP covered notes from Lee: Joan VanDenbos will attend a meeting on the trail this Friday, Feb 15, in Tubac.
  - d) GVCCC T & A Committee Updates – Jim Jordan:
    - Continental School Grant: There is still a question on the widening of the RR grade crossing on White House Canyon Road to allow for bicycle lanes. Otherwise, construction on the project could start this summer.
    - Continental/I-19: Pima County has agreed to do the lanes under I-19 from the mall to the PO as part of the east frontage road project. Jim is still monitoring the project to insure sidewalks are provided on the north side of Continental.
    - Pima County will not support a change to the design of the Continental/Camino del Sol

intersection.

- e) Frontage Roads – Jim Jordan:
    - East Frontage: Nothing new on east frontage road. Bill asked that we keep pressing for appropriate turn lanes and bike markings.
    - West Frontage: Bids are in from contractors for the roundabout. Construction will require 6 – 9 months. Damage at construction entrance south of roundabout will be repaired.
  - f) GV Road Maintenance Issues: JP said he has submitted a service report to Matt Zoll, complete with pictures, of the poor road conditions along portions of Camino del Sol. He also mentioned some bad gouges on Calle Tres which will need attention.
  - g) RTA, RTP, & TIP Projects: Bill Adamson reported that a Transportation Public Meeting will be held March 4, 2 to 3:30 PM, at the Joyner Library.
  - h) TPCBAC & Facilities Subcommittee Update – Bill Adamson:
    - Bill reported on a move underway to add public members to the Bike/Ped Working Group and asked that the SCVBAC to support him and Roy Scoonover by letter, if required. The Comm agreed.
    - The Platinum Challenge Award Application has been completed and includes good words about the SCVBAC and Green Valley.
  - i) West Desert Preserve: Bill Adamson:
    - Bill reported that the WDP is part of the Pima County bond proposal to obtain funding thanks in part to good support at public meetings.
    - A public forum will be held March 1, 10 AM, at the GV Community Methodist Church to address the land preservation issues facing the Santa Rita Mountain area. Issues include the Kettenbach property, the Rosemont Mines, and the WDP.
6. Publicity/Education/Website – JP reported for Chuck Hill:
- a) The website is receiving an average of three visits a day. Chuck needs a picture of Roy.
  - b) The Ride of Silence will be held Wednesday, May 21 at 6 PM.
  - c) Al Miller explained the ID bracelets advantages and how they could be ordered at [www.roadid.com](http://www.roadid.com). He told the story about how the ID had helped his wife in a Bicycle accident.
7. Public Concerns: none

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be March 5, 4:00 PM, at the West Center conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe