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Attendance: John Pilger (JP), Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Chuck Hill, Mary Reynolds (Sahuarita Community Communications Coordinator), Len Wilson, Ralph Edwards, Larry Coffin, Kevin McDonald, Sgt Scott Morgan (PCSD), Jeff Horwitz

JP called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

- 1) The minutes of the Feb 3, 2010 meeting were approved.
- 2) Sheriff Department: Sgt Morgan had no report of problems involving bicycles. When asked, he said the new roundabout seemed to be working fine but there were a lot of signs.
- 3) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
 - a) TPCBAC & Enforcement – Tony touched on a lot of topics from the Feb 10 meeting including: the Bike Ambassador program, the need for mountain bike skills parks in the Tucson area, the bike diversion program probably expanding to the County Justice Courts, and status of the Urban Loop program.
 - b) Santa Cruz/Tubac – Jeff Horwitz introduced himself and gave a brief bio. He is a member of the de Anza Trail Coalition and an active cyclist interested in trail connectivity to include Santa Cruz County and bicycle activities for youth.
 - c) Town of Sahuarita – Mary gave a brief summary of upcoming activities including a town wellness fair on Mar 6th, the senior games bike race on the 12th, and the Tucson Bike Classic which will affect Green Valley and Sahuarita on Mar 13th. Ralph mentioned that the small traffic roundabout on Campbell could pose a safety issue during the senior games bike race. Mary and Tony said they would voice this concern to ride organizers.
 - d) Quail Creek – JP said Joe Knable had found useful website on bicycle fatalities.
 - e) GVCCC T & A Meeting – Jim said that Pima Co. had effectively rebutted the list of complaints by residents about the east side frontage road project. Stripping has been completed on Continental to separate the bicycle lane and the double left turn, from south bound La Cañada on to Esperanza will be implemented along with a double button cross walk across La Cañada. He also said that stimulus projects to seal Continental and to resurface La Cañada have gone to bid.
 - f) Continental School Project – Jim said that the contract should go to bid and April with a start of construction in June.
 - g) Frontage road update – Jim had nothing new on the Continental grant project but reported that the traffic counts on Esperanza and I-19 were low enough to permit a ‘road diet’. He will be meeting with the ADOT district engineer, Todd Emery, about the project.

- h) De Anza Trail – JP suggested that Jeff meet with Bill Adamson when he returns to discuss the project and how he might help.
- i) RTA, RTP, PAG Bike Plan, and TIP – In Bill absence JP gave a very brief background briefing for Jeff. Bike Signs/Marked Lanes – Tony reported on a meeting he and Jim attended with Marshall Beaty, PCDOT. More directional bike signs will be added beginning with Desert Bell and Camino del Sol.
- j) Liaison with Bike Shops – Chuck had a proposal of a ‘business card’ for the SCVBAC that could be left at local shops to bring awareness of our website and useful links.

4) Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) AZ Bicycle Advocacy Summit – JP and Ralph reported on a recent meeting they attended in Casa Grande. A small group of individuals is trying to organize an advocacy coalition at a state level. The group hopes to hire a full time executive officer and is currently working on the IT side to establish a website. High on their priorities is promoting stronger bike protection laws but right now they are trying to figure out a source of financing from corporate sponsors and/or the federal government.
- b) ROS – Chuck said he is working all avenues to publicize the event. He has submitted an article to KGVY and will be working with Joe Knable and Mary to local newsletters.
- c) JP mentioned the transportation open house on Mar 8th at the local library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next meeting will be Mar 3, 2010, 3 PM at a TBD location.

Tony Crosby, Scribe