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Meeting Minutes – Apr 7, 2010

Attendance: John Pilger (JP), Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Chuck Hill, Rick Robinson (Sahuarita), Len Wilson, Larry Coffin, Sgt Scott Morgan (PCSD), Jeff Horwitz, Bill Adamson, Basil Baker, Joe Knable

JP called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

- 1) The minutes of the Mar 3, 2010 meeting were approved.
- 2) Sheriff Department: Jim Jordan inquired about a 'left hook' collision on Abrego. Sgt Morgan believes the motorist was cited.
- 3) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
 - a) TPCBAC & Enforcement – Tony touched on several topics from a Apr 5 Enforcement Comm meeting: No Tucson Police Dept representation at the TPCBAC meeting (letter to Chief Villaseñor drafted), Licensing of bicycles in Tucson proposed as a revenue source (Comm opposed), PCSD targeted enforcement of bicycle violations in Tucson Mountain Park area (one rider charged), Diversion Program progressing for Pima County and Saguaro National Park.
 - b) Santa Cruz/Tubac – Jeff looking at routes in Santa Cruz Co. Bill mentioned the initiative with ADOT to pave shoulders along several parts of the I-19 frontage roads and suggested that Jesus Valdez would be a good advocate for Santa Cruz Co. area.
 - c) Town of Sahuarita
 - i) Rick said that the ribbon cutting ceremony for La Cañada/Sahuarita Rd will be on Apr 29th and that he is working on the placement for Bike Friendly Community signs in that area as well as the bike lanes at La Villita/Sahuarita Rd. Current target completion date for Sahuarita Rd Phase One, La Villita to La Cañada is Mar 2011.
 - ii) Bill said that first steps have been taken for a Transportation Enhancement grant for Duval Mine Rd to provide paved shoulders from La Cañada to Continental. Sahuarita will be involved as part of the road in is the city boundaries. Bill pointed out the heavy traffic at the east end due to numerous businesses and attractions. Letter of support will have to be solicited for the proposal.
 - d) Quail Creek – Joe said that he and Al would like a bike education course offered for locally. JP, a League Certified Instructor, said that a second LCI is needed to support local courses. Chuck said that he is interested and added that Ron Darr has OK'd adding Quail Creek to the local bicycle map. Tony expressed appreciation for Quail Creek hosting the recent Senior Games Bicycle Race.

- e) GVCCC T & A Meeting – Jim said the double left turn at La Cañada and Esperanza will happen when the road is resurfaced. The treatment north of Esperanza will be an overlay and south a seal coat. The Continental roundabout is done except for fine tuning the lighting.
- f) Continental School Project – Jim said all paperwork has been submitted to ADOT to free up the grant money. Jeff said the school must be involved to make the project a success with students and others agreed, especially as school administration has changed several times since the project was first submitted. Tony resurfaced the idea of a path to connect Campbell to Continental, which would have to involve both city and county assets.
- g) Frontage road update – Progress is being made.
- h) RTA, RTP, PAG Bike Plan, and TIP – Bill said that the RTA 3-year programs list has been approved. Of local interest – the Abrego gap, La Villita, and Hughes Access Rd. Bill said that the Bike/Ped Working Group is attempting to keep a fair distribution of RTA funds. Of interest lately in Tucson is the bike boulevard concept, which has widespread support but is not what was approved specifically by the RTA plan. Tucson is being encouraged to fund these type projects through TE grants, with matching RTA funds, and other RTA channels.
- i) Mission Road Update – Bill said that negotiations are still ongoing. He said that the Urban Loop has the major priority for the county.
- j) Bicycling Value Added – JP will coordinate with Tucson
- k) Liaison with Bike Shops – Earlier it was announced that Basil Baker would perform a liaison function.

4) Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) Ribbon Cutting for La Cañada – as mentioned before on April 29th. Local riders are encouraged to participate.
- b) Ride of Silence – Chuck is working on publicity. He suggested the Comm supply basic refreshments for the ride as last year. He said he is trying to get ROS buttons and confirmed that a ‘ghost bike’ will be placed on Desert Bell.
- c) Tucson Bike Fest – Lots of activities planned throughout the month. Bill said that Nanette Slusser, the Assistant Pima County Administrator, would be receiving an award for advocate of the year and that Nanette has helped Green Valley in the past on bicycle projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM. The next meeting will be May 5, 2010, 3 PM at a TBD location.

Tony Crosby, Scribe