

CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of November 19, 2019

A. Attendance:

Members (Present):

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| Bruno Ulrich (Chair/Secretary) | (334) 300-0929 | bulrich@charter.net |
| Tim McDonald | (334) 444-5106 | mcdonaldtimothyp@gmail.com |
| David Kern | (713) 504-5355 | kern@mmhs.us |
| Peter Livant | Not recorded | livanpd@auburn.edu |
| Mike Stone | (334) 250-8370 | stonema@auburn.edu |

Members (Absent)

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| Brandy Ezelle (COA) | (334) 501-3029 | bezelle@auburnalabama.org |
| Gabby Filgo (COA) | (334) 501-2946 | gfilgo@auburnalabama.org |

Interested Individuals Attending:

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| Angela Lakwete | (334) 501-4758 | lakwete@gmail.com |
| Mike Hogan | (334) 332-3440 | mk1hgn@yahoo.com |
| Ben Van Slader | (334) 329-5004 | ben@trekbicycleauburn.com |
| Todd Deery | (407) 529 4931 | todddeery@auburn.edu |

B. Commencement: Chair Bruno Ulrich called the meeting to order circa 7:15 p.m. CST.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 24, 2019, Minutes were unanimously approved with the following correction. (Tim McDonald made a motion to approve; Mike Stone, seconded).

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bike Bash.org Website: Transfer to City:

Mike Stone commented that he has transferred the files to both Gabby and Brandy but suggested to David Kern that he would verify with COA representatives that the transfer is complete and report back to David so that he may cancel the subscription for the Domain. Both Mike and Bruno commented that, per discussions with Gabby, the City intends to install the Bike Bash website onto the City's system and to treat it in the same manner as, for example, the *City Fest*. The topic is closed with no further action required by the Committee. (Reference May 28, 2019, Meeting Minutes).

2. Harper Avenue Bike Lane Proposal:

Mike Hogan presented and David Kern signed the letter for and on behalf of the Committee. The letter will now be delivered to Ward 4 Councilman Brett Smith with the hope that Councilman Smith will promote the project. (Reference May 28, and July 30, 2019 Minutes).

3. ConnectAuburn Update:

Discussion on this topic was deferred till the January 28, 2020, due to COA's Brandy Ezelle's absence.

4. Bicycle Flier:

Bruno reported that Brandy, COA's Chris Graff, and he are working on a flier for use by the *Casual* and *Tourist* category cyclists. The flier will be 8 ½" x 14" with three (3) folds. An insert will include the locations in Downtown and AU campus areas where Auburn War Eagle Bikes are available for rent.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt A Bicycle Project:

Bruno commented that this is a City led initiative wherein past volunteers were asked if they were once, again, interested in inventorying City maintained cycling facilities. According to Bruno, Brandy will ask for assistance in the event some of the past volunteers cannot devote time to the project.

2. Election of New Members:

At its September meeting the Committee recognized that both David Kern and Mike Stone's tenure on the Committee were due to expire December 31, 2019. In anticipation of their departure, the City on behalf of the Committee advertised for their two (2) positions. Three (3) individuals listed below submitted their application. It should be

noted that Mike Stone submitted his resignation in advance of the year end expiration date. David Kern will continue to fulfill his role on the Committee until December 31st.

The Committee is deeply appreciative of Mike and David's many years of service to the Committee. Much of the success enjoyed by the Committee is due to their work. The Committee hopes that both will continue to volunteer for the Committee's functions, including the *Ride and Seek: A Bicycle Safety Adventure*.

Bruno presented the Committee with three (3) applications for membership, including their area of focus. They were as follows:

1. Ms. Pamela Rogers (Commuter);
2. Mr. Jose Torres (Experienced and Commuter); and
Mr. Todd Deery (Mountain and Gravel and Experienced).

Bruno provided a brief summary of the qualification requirements pursuant to the By-Laws adopted May 28, 2019. Article III – Membership sets forth the requirements. Briefly stated: applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in cycling policy and/or activities; live in the City of Auburn Planning Jurisdiction; and represent a variety of constituencies. Additionally, "To help promote diversity in members, the five (5) non-COA members will each focus on one (1) aspect of the broad spectrum of bicycle usage, as follows: Commuters; Mountain and Gravel; Casual; Experienced; and Tourism."

It should be noted that at its July 30, 2019, meeting, the full Committee unanimously voted Mr. Tim McDonald to the serve on the Committee under the *Commuter* designation given his long-time experience as a commuter.

Having so noted the above that included an extensive discussion regarding the merits of categorizing members with respect to their focus, the Committee accepted the following applications via unanimous vote:

1. Mr. Jose Torres: Focus on the *Experienced* cyclist's category
2. Mr. Todd Deery: Focus on the *Mountain and Gravel* cyclist's category.

Bruno, as Chair, commented that should the Committee decide that the establishment of the five (5) categories of cyclists, as set forth in the May 28, 2019, adopted By-Laws, be considered unreasonable in qualifying applicants, the Committee could vote to amend the By-Laws in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article VIII.

Lastly, pursuant to Article III – Membership – Paragraph 6, "[t]he applicant's term will begin immediately upon being approved by majority vote of the ABC." The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

3. Proposed amendment to the By-Laws:

As a follow-up to the above discussion regarding amendments to the By-Laws, Bruno commented that a substantive limiting factor in attracting new members is the residency requirement. Specifically, pursuant to Article III – Membership, Paragraph #1 states in

part that “*All members must live in the COA Planning Jurisdiction.*” Bruno commented that the Committee could consider amending the provision to read “*All members must live **and/or work** in the COA Planning Jurisdiction.* The procedure for amending the By-Laws is set forth in Article III. Subsequent to the discussion, Tim McDonald submitted the amendment for consideration at the Committee’s next (January 28th) meeting.

F. CITIZENS COMMENT(S):

Ms. Angela Lakwete commented on the apparent lack of progress made in reinstalling the public improvements on Opelika/Auburn Highway in the vicinity of the Mid-Town mixed use development. (See July 31, 2019, Committee Minutes Item # 7.c.). Bruno offered to contact the City for an update. Subsequent to the meeting, Bruno met with City Planner Logan Kipp (334.501.3037). Logan commented that work (e.g., sidewalks, bicycle lanes, etc.) in the public right-of-way is the responsibility of the City of Auburn. Since that meeting Bruno has emailed the Director of Engineering Services, Ms. Alison Frazier (afrazier@auburnalabama.org; 334.501.7390) for an update, including the attached photos.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned circa 8:16 p.m. C.S.T.

End of Minutes

Minutes prepared by Bruno Ulrich, Secretary