

3 Rivers Bicycle Coalition

Board Minutes

10/11/2011

Location: Petersen Hastings Investment Management

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Petersen.

Introduction of Board members:

Present: John Ittner, Jeff Petersen, Carleen Hanscom, Andy Miller, Dave Berkowitz, Damion Miller and Doug Strong.

Excused: Mark Showalter

Special Guest: Pete Rogalsky, the Head of Public Works for the City of Richland.

The September 13th, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

1. Advocacy since last meeting: Carleen mentioned that she is keeping tabs on the Pasco Bike Hood Plan and attended the plan commission that went before the Council and she thinks there is a couple minor corrections that a Council members need to make to get passed. The public works director will be at the next event and he is putting together a new transportation plan for the city next year to try to include more bike lanes/areas.

At the Kid's Celebration, Damion ran the safety course. There were about 150 kids that attended. A post will be written up to be added on the Facebook page and possibly include a few pictures from the event. We have 212 likes on our Facebook page.

Due to a new setting on Facebook, if there is no interaction with user they will not get any updates/notifications

Andy will be writing a post in regards to the Cystic Fibrous ride to add to the Facebook page and possibly include some pictures as well. One note, every station that was set up was from a different family with a child who has Cystic Fibrous. Andy did receive permission from each family he took pictures of to post the picture on Facebook.

2. Law Enforcement Presentation: On October 12th, Jeff will be presenting to the chiefs and sheriffs with Damion and John in attendance as certified bike instructors. A short video was shared that will be shown at the presentation. It was well received by having a police officer speak directly to other police officers as well as provide information that not all bike laws are known by police officers.
3. Duportail Bridge Project: Pete Rogalsky joined the meeting to talk about the Duportail Bridge Project. He gave a fact sheet/flyer to each member to provide further information. He is looking for community support as they are going forward with the bridge project. They have a 20 year plan to build up the Richland transportation program. They are about 6 years into the plan and have different focuses on the various transportation needs the city has. They have identified short comings they have in the aspect of bicyclists and create improvement goals to meet those needs. This project is out of the ordinary that they are unable to go to their normal sources, city, state and federal so they are trying to get local legislators behind the project to help generate more funding. This is a local street network, improvement and enhancement across the Yakima River to allow all types of commuters' better, safer access to different areas of the city.

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The features that are designed into the bridge now will be about as steep as the south end of Steptoe. The up hill direction, the jersey barriers will separate the 12 foot wide path and there is a slightly wider traffic lane in both directions. By placing the mixed use trail in the up hill direction will be safer for all uses as they go up hill at a slower pace.

Pete asked 3RBC write a letter to provide to the local legislators that the community feels this is a good idea and will help improve our communities.

Damion pointed out that people will use the mixed trail not only to go up hill but down hill as well and this needs to be taken in to consideration as they continue to develop the bridge plan. One suggestion was to ensure there are painted lines to separate the walkers from the bikers.

Pete explained the different environmental effects and test that have been done in regards to building the bridge.

Jeff thanked Pete for coming and talking with them and he will get back to Pete.

The 3RBC discussed and provided feedback this project. Jeff will send a letter to Pete providing our support should the project receive approval to be built.

4. Alliance for Livable & Sustainable Communities: On October 26th from 9AM – 12PM at WSU Tri-Cities there will be a workshop divided up into to multiple categories, one of them is transportation. Pete and the new Public Works Director from Pasco will be there and everyone is invited to come and be a part of it. Pete has wanted to contact the other counties to get them involved and the idea is to come up with a master plan for a project like the Complete Streets policy. We will be talking about what that really means and all of the components to make this successful.
5. Treasury Update: We have almost \$2,800 in the bank including \$200 in savings. For activity in the last few months, we have made a deposit of \$20 and a check cleared to Esprit for business cards.
6. Membership Committee Update: Hopefully we will be live soon using Paypal to pay membership fees as there have been some computer issues that have delayed this. Clearwire is going to step in to help fix the IP address that Paypal seems to think was used in a scamming issue.
7. LCI Training: Damion will be done with 3 out of 5 classes at the end of November and will be able to devote more time to this. He hopes in December to start recruiting individuals to go through this training. He really wants a nice document to be able to hang up in his shop and other areas to inform people of this program to gain interest.

Another avenue is to have something included in the Parks and Rec brochure to gain interest for non bike shop business owners but something will need added in the next week or two to get it in the upcoming publication. Damion will be emailing Jeff a piece he has created for editing. Damion, Jeff and Heather will be working on this.

8. Safe Routes to Schools: The original proposal was for \$1,000 - \$1,500 and it will cost us nothing. In speaking with Charlotte Claybrook, who is with the Washington State Department of Transportation and in charge of the program, they are the ones that filter the

