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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2011 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *February 24, 2011*

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F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

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- 2) Presentation regarding “kaleidospoke Bike Art” (Vanessa Wilde, Art Director)
- 3) “Bike Sharing Task Force” appointments (Councilor Bushee, Bob Siqueiros).
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 3. Elizabeth Roybal
 4. Andrew Jandacek, SF County Staff
 5. Sandra Bryce, SFRCC
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 - On-Road
 - Mountain Bike
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra (NWQ)

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

J. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Council Chambers
March 24, 2011**

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee, was called to order by Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair, on March 24, 2011, at approximately 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair
Gretchen Grogan
Frank Herdman
John Longworth
Alicia Martinez
Lisa Miles
Ron Pacheco
Tomas Rivera
Shelly Robinson

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Siqueiros, City of Santa Fe
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Siqueiros suggested moving Item G(2) to the end of the agenda because Vanessa Wilde isn't in attendance, and said if she doesn't get here, he will put her on the next agenda.

MOTION: Frank Herdman moved, seconded by John Longworth, to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a voice vote, with Alicia Martinez and Tomas Rivera absent for the vote.

Alicia Martinez and Tomas Rivera arrived at the meeting

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 24, 2011

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 7, paragraph 6, line 2, correct as follows: "...about the language regarding the helmet use.

Page 8, paragraph 4, line 2, correct as follows: "...requiring helmets takes away ~~and was negative~~."

Page 12, paragraph 5, correct as follows: "She thought a resolution about the naming of a project or a trail for Gail Ryba was heard at the Council last night."

MOTION: Frank Herdman moved, seconded by Lisa Miles, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2011, as corrected.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Margaret Alexander, Bicycle and Trails Alliance, said last year the Alliance sponsored the International Mountain Bike Association [IMBA] with a 4-day slate of activity. They discussed building volunteer groups in support of mountain biking, and out of that came the Fat Tire Society of Santa Fe. She said they invited IMBA to come back again this year and they accepted. Ms. Alexander outlined the activities for this year's meeting, which includes a presentation on the economic benefits of Mountain Biking to a community, not only tourism dollars but the quality of life as well. She said they will have a whole lot of facts and figures which will help us determine how Mountain Biking can help our community. Ms. Alexander presented the BTAC members with a bicycle bell, with attached recommendations for bicycle etiquette, and invited the members of BTAC to attend this year's meeting.

Chair Bushee asked if the rules of etiquette are recommended elsewhere as well as Santa Fe.

Ms. Alexander said they took the main rules from IMBA standards and put them on this card, noting there wasn't room for all of them.

Chair Bushee thanked Ms. Alexander and the Alliance for their efforts.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Genoveva Chavez Community Center

Liz Roybal, Recreation Division, said she was asked to participate with the Bike Sharing Program as well as the "Bike to Work Week."

Ms. Roybal said, with regard to "Bike to Work Week," she has spoken with Lisa Miles, Keith Wilson, Leroy Pacheco, and Sandra Bryce from the Railyard. She said there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 5:30 in the Councilor's Conference Room to talk about Bike to Work. She said Bike to Work Week is May 16-20, 2011. She said artwork has been developed, contacts have been made and there has been discussion on the schedule of events during that week.

Ms. Robinson asked if Rachel is involved.

Ms. Roybal said Rachel has passed it on, but she has been in contact with her by email and she has been very helpful. She said the good thing about involving Recreation is that it may have funds to contribute to the event, noting she has spoken with Mr. Trowbridge about funding. She said she is glad to be working with the Committee, noting Ms. Miles has shared some great ideas with her. She understands there may be a social event on Friday, as well as some music, although she isn't sure about that.

Ms. Roybal said she is new to the Bike Sharing Program, but she has been reading a lot about it, and she is anxious to work with this Committee on this most viable concept. She doesn't know about the funding for this effort. She said it has been very successful in many other communities.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

A copy of "Multi-Use Paths in Santa Fe: Accessibility and Social Networking," prepared by students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Keith Wilson, Chief Planner, MPO, said they had the first Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on the development of the Bicycle Master Plan, noting 16 people were in attendance including Frank Herdman and Lisa Miles from this Committee. He said it was a very productive meeting, and they got lots of ideas. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at the main library in the Community Room, and invited everyone to attend and participate.

Mr. Olson said the MPO has partnered with Worcester Polytechnic Institute which is a partner of the Santa Fe Complex. Each year, WPI brings a group of students who are required to participate in developing a study to acquaint them with the process. He said the students have a variety of degrees. The students are in teams of 4, and the MPO is sponsoring 3 of the teams, and spoke about what the teams are doing with the MPO – assisting with the data system, looking at the first and last mile of a transit system trip focusing on making it easier to identify, and the team here this evening will be working on the Bicycle Master Plan looking at a multi-use path system in Santa Fe, which matches well with the bicycling system.

Mr. Olson said he just met with the team this morning, and they are in the process of identifying what we want them to do, noting one of the things they would like is some sort of mapping tool to assist people in finding the best routes through an on-line system or a smart phone application. They also are looking at the on-the-ground signage on the trails to help people wayfind. He asked one of the team members to give an overview. He said they will be much further along by the next meeting, and could come back to the next meeting and report on what they have done.

Julia Krebs introduced the members of this task group. She said they have been on the path and enjoying the weather. She said their project is to work on a multi-use path in Santa Fe, focusing on accessibility and social networking. She said the purpose of the project is to facilitate the use of the path and to promote accessibility and use of the trail for work and recreation. She said they started on the project last year in Worcester, noting the website is on the handout. She said members are welcome to contact them with any suggestions.

Ms. Robinson is interested in the idea of doing a google map for MapQuest for bicyclists and pedestrians in Santa Fe. She said many people don't bicycle because they are afraid to figure out how to get around town, commenting that there are ways to get around town which are safe and easy. She is excited there might be some way to do something similar.

Mr. Krebs said they started using Google Maps Trail Paths, and they have a mock-up for a smart phone application and a website, and are working on a mock-up of a map they can hand out with all of the paths on it. She said they are hoping to map all the intersection points, commenting they are unsure how much they can do in the 7 weeks they will be in Santa Fe. It is hoped this will open the possibility for more people to use the paths.

Councilor Bushee asked who will maintain the phone application and the website, or would that be on the City's website with a link.

Ms. Krebs said right now they only have a mock-up for a website, and don't know how much can be built. They are looking at website types which are self-updating in terms of events, and will keep them updated.

Councilor Bushee said we can invite the team to make a final presentation before they leave.

Ms. Grogan said on-the ground signage would be great.

Frank Herdman thanked the group for their work. He encouraged them to keep in the mind the Bikeways map and the relationship between the multi-use paths and the on-street facilities which are part of an overarching activity for bicycle transportation in Santa Fe.

Mr. Herdman said this Committee keeps in mind that there are a lot of obstacles to bicycling in Santa Fe, in getting from point A to point B, and there are other ways to get around without getting on the main street. He looks forward to hearing from this group next month. He is also curious to hear an outsider's perspective on what things look like here in Santa Fe.

Councilor Bushee said this is a bilingual community, and to consider if it is possible to have information on the website in Spanish as well.

Ron Pacheco welcomed the group to Santa Fe.

Chair Bushee asked to hear item 2(G) next on the agenda since Ms. Wilde has arrived

G. DISCUSSION

2) PRESENTATION REGARDING "KALEIDOSPOKE BIKE ART" (VANESSA WILDE, ART DIRECTOR.

A copy of "Kaleidospoke," which contains information about the upcoming event, distributed to the BTAC by Ms. Wilde, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2." Please see Exhibit "2" for specifics of this presentation.

Vanessa Wilde, Director, presented information from Exhibit "2," with regard to Kaleidospoke a three month long arts collaboration with selected artists, an exhibition of spoke card designs and a film showcase which is organized by Ms. Wilde and Rawson Adams. The activity runs July 8, 2011 through September 2011 at the Center for Contemporary Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She wants to work with BTAC in some capacity, and would like to have a police escorted bicycle ride starting on the Plaza on opening day. She said they want to offer some bicycle safety talks, and would like the BTAC members to assist her in this regard.

Chair Bushee said there is a bicycle subcommittee which will be presenting an update later in the meeting, if she would like to wait for that report.

Ms. Robinson said she and Craig Anderson have discussed a lot about safe biking. She said they have been discussing a safe path from the CCA to the Children's Museum. She said perhaps now is a good time to start in view of the number of new trails in process at this time. She likes Ms. Wilde's idea.

Mr. Rivera said it sounds as if what Ms. Wilde needs from BTAC is support, and likes the idea of a police escorted bicycle ride, but doesn't know what BTAC could do to facilitate that.

Chair Bushee told Ms. Wilde to be sure and give a copy of her handout to Liz Roybal as well. She said BTAC now has a relationship with the Bicycle Police Program and they might be able to help. She thanked Ms. Wilde for her presentation and invited her to attend BTAC meetings any time.

1) FINAL ACTION REGARDING THE PEN ROAD TRAIL CONNECTION (ENGINEERING STAFF)

Chair Bushee understands a few members went on the field trip, and she would like to hear from them as well as hearing comments from the other members of the Committee.

Eric Martinez, Director of Trails, City of Santa Fe, said he is here to hear recommendations from BTAC so they can move forward with this connection, noting there is a design ready go, and they are willing to hear BTAC suggestions to improve the project.

The Committee commented, made suggestions and asked questions as follows:

- Ms. Robinson attended the first part of the field trip meeting, and she is glad that the entrance on St. Francis will be widened so the entrance is made safe. She said her concern was to ensure that we weren't building a trail with only one option to come out onto Pen Road, and that the future of the Rail Trail was considered. She said it was good to be there and see where the post and cable may be and that there is sufficient land to have the future rail trail come on the inside of that sidewalk, even though the post and cable will be right on the drop-off. She said she received an email from Tim after that field trip with good comments. She said at the meeting "it was our intention to proceed."

Mr. Siqueiros said they discussed, with the engineers, Leroy and the consultant, that building this portion of the trail wouldn't preclude designing and extending the trail all the way to Alta Vista, and that is still possible after this is built, or even to postpone this and do the whole study itself.

Mr. Wilson said Tim wasn't on the field trip, and he is the consultant to the MPO, and his comments were based on a very brief conversation he had with him. He was unaware that Tim was on a different page than he was. He said there were previously-discussed items that we discussed on the site visit, and he thought the MPO staff was comfortable that it was being addressed. This was a solid rehashing of all we discussed, regarding whether doing this would prevent future extensions of the rail trail, and getting down to guidance about having a path along the edge of the roadway with buffers and such. He said there are constraints at the site, and creating the ideal situation would add additional expense that he doesn't think should be added at this stage.

Mr. Wilson said during the site visit Shelley talked about widening the part of the trail coming into the sidewalk at Cerrillos, and Leroy said that shouldn't be a problem. He said they talked about specific things at the Pen Road corner to get some of the shrubbery cut back, doing additional pavement markings and removing parking in areas which could be problematic. He believes these issues can be addressed as the project moves forward. He said there are no perfect solutions to everything, but believes a paved trail in this area will be a tremendous benefit to the trail system. He said staff would like to see this move forward, and Leroy said it can happen in sort order if a decision is made to move forward.

- Ms. Grogan said she was on the field trip. She said, to be very clear, Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to move forward with this section and we won't have to rip up or the sidewalk, although we may have to realign cable, post and fencing.

Mr. Olson said he is not saying nothing will have to be "ripped out." He said things aren't looking "rosy" from the federal funding standpoint. He said although that section of the Rail Trail between Alta Vista and Pen Road is their number one priority, there is no way of knowing about funding. The reason he suggested the small section of paving was to get that done now which was an interim piece of the trail system. He said if the City has the funding right now, it is important to do

that piece, and as we move forward we'll deal with the other things. He said Leroy said nothing we would do now would prohibit any future completion of the Rail Trail.

- Ms. Grogan said in its current alignment it would offer a fairly logical connection, and Mr. Wilson said yes.
- Ms. Grogan said we also discussed on the field trip having a sign right where the bike path starts with that connection of the sidewalk, to make it clear to people that this is a path which would lead them to St. Francis Drive.

Mr. Wilson said Leroy had no problem incorporating this into the project, but would need guidance on the actual signage.

- Ms. Miles said she missed the field trip, but she bikes from Pen Road to St. Francis, and it is a total mess, and she believes something needs to happen as soon as possible. She said the 5 ft. sidewalk to nowhere seems like a waste of money.

Mr. Wilson said that is to meet ADA the requirements to provide a crossing point to another sidewalk. He said they are discussing with Leroy the possibility of making that a 10 ft. paved area for those that don't want to come to the curb and cross, and would provide another option.

- Chair Bushee asked if there is a way to have the primary connection be to the Rail Trail, because it's really a bicycle route.

Mr. Martinez said it is a multi-use trail and will serve both bikes and pedestrians. He said the improvements to the sidewalk, curb and gutter are primarily a function of drainage, noting this is a low point which fills up quickly, and these improvements will help direct the water toward the tracks. He said this is one of the main functions in addition to complying with the ADA.

- Ms. Grogan said she looked at the sidewalk, and part is concrete and part is asphalt which links the Acequia Trail with the new bridge. She said Leroy said the sidewalk doesn't have to be concrete and could be asphalt, which would be logical for bicyclists and multi-use, as well as blend-in better.

Mr. Martinez said the recommendation for extending this sidewalk came from the ADA Coordinator, and the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities, and it serves to get people from one side of Penn Road to the other, and provide access to the shared use path. In the future, it could serve as a connection if Pen Road were to be developed with curb, gutter and sidewalk.

Mr. Martinez said the larger planning issue he would like the planners to work on, as part of the master plan, is to provide recommendations to address the issues where we stopped on Pen Road to Cordova. He asked if it should just involve sidewalks for pedestrians and have the road serve as a bicycle path to get to the connection, or if it should just be a shared use path that runs along Pen Road.

Mr. Martinez would like the planners to look at this through the process and make recommendations so we can design and build something. He said it is feasible to tie in a future shared use path somewhere we currently end, or through the area of post and cable. He said it would be necessary to do additional engineering and coordination with the NMDOT because the right of way belongs to them, as well as utilities coordination, and address the issues with drainage.

- Chair Bushee asked the source of funding, and Mr. Martinez said this will be part of the Acequia Trail and the Rail Trail, as well as the Park Bond funds.

Mr. Siqueiros said there are Rail Trail funds available from the County.

- Chair Bushee asked if there are sufficient funds to make the trail actually connect.

Mr. Martinez said none of this has been programmed, but if there are Park Bond savings those could be used.

- Chair Bushee said it would be helpful to know the amount of funding and how far we can go, and asked if he is saying there is no more funding.

Mr. Martinez said if we use it here, it takes away from somewhere else which already has been programmed.

- Chair Bushee said there could be a re-examination of those priorities, noting this is an unsafe situation which has been around for a long time.

Mr. Martinez agreed it is a matter of prioritization, noting the many things happening right now.

- Chair Bushee said the Committee doesn't have to approve this project this evening and can try to make it a bigger solution, a larger and better project, and rearrange some of the funding. She is opposed to balancing a budget with a property tax increase when we most likely could go to the voters and ask for additional bond money if conditions are right. She wants to get more money for good quality of life projects.
- Mr. Rivera said people walk through there all the time, noting the #2 bus goes through there and people get off and walk through there, so there are a lot of pedestrians going that way. He said if the sidewalk is an ADA thing, it makes perfect sense and believes we should go forward with the project, noting it isn't a huge project and there's nothing in it that would prevent extending pieces of the trail to it in the future. He encourages the members of BTAC to support the project.
- Mr. Herdman asked if there is a ramp to the street at the trail intersection and Mr. Martinez said yes. Mr. Herdman believes it is a needed and necessary project, although he would like to look more long term, but is afraid it would become lost. He is in favor of moving forward.

- Mr. Longworth said we're not really given a choice and this is all we have, and asked if this correct.
Mr. Martinez said we either stop here and go back to the drawing board and look at a bigger are, or proceed.
- Mr. Longworth asked why we didn't look at this as connecting to Cordova, and why did we stop here.
Mr. Wilson said he made the suggestion to look at this small segment of pavement to get to Pen Road, because it would be an inexpensive, immediate fix to make that connection – it seemed like a low cost, big benefit project. He said the scope expanded a little to meet the engineering and ADA requirements.
- Mr. Longworth asked, with regard to ADA, the reason the sidewalk goes all the way to the corner by Ohori's.
Mr. Martinez said because it has a connection to the other side for pedestrians and people in wheelchairs.
- Mr. Longworth asked the reason they can't cross where the trail intersects Pen Road.
Mr. Wilson said it is because they met with Leroy, and asked all of these questions, and there is no good, safe way to put an ADA ramp on the Ohori side of the street.
- Mr. Longworth said it is safe for a bicycle to cross.
Mr. Wilson said these were the questions they had. He said you are riding a bicycle on the road at a different place. He said the engineers felt there was no way to incorporate an ADA ramp on the apex of the corner, because Ohori's has an entrance right at that spot.
- Mr. Longworth said there are no sidewalks on the other side, and you are sending them into "no man's land."
Mr. Wilson said they can access Ohori's or Walgreens from that point.
- A member said there is a sidewalk behind Walgreens.
- Mr. Longworth said that only goes for a block. He doesn't understand why there is a safety issue in terms of ADA, and asked why that can't be solved by going toward St. Francis using existing crossings which already are ADA.
Mr. Wilson said the ADA requirements are very strict and fast, and it's all about providing accessibility. He said these are the questions we asked Leroy and these are the answers we were

given – an ADA ramp couldn't be placed safely at that point. He noted the plans have to be signed by a professional engineer based on the liability of these things.

Mr. Martinez said there are sight distance issues.

- A member said there are also vegetation issues, and sight issues where the path comes out.

Mr. Martinez said you don't want to put people at the inside of a curve and this provides the best sight distance.

- Mr. Longworth said he understands, but guesses the ADA thing isn't as complicated as we are making it to be. He asked what kind of signage there will be for auto traffic..

Mr. Wilson said they discussed painting the yellow center line on the corner as well as putting in Sharrows. They talked about placing a sign northbound on Pen Road, a warning to drivers that there will be left-turning bicyclists in the road onto the path. They also identified removing parking on the west side as well as on the east. He said people park there when they run into Ohori's. He said they are removing all possible conflicts as bicyclists move there to make that turn.

- Mr. Longworth asked if they will be putting in a crosswalk, or a break in the yellow line.

Mr. Wilson said they didn't specify the design and he can take that idea back to Leroy.

- Mr. Longworth said he comes through here several times a week and this is a tricky intersection. He asked if Ohori's has been notified it will lose this quick parking.

Mr. Wilson said it's not their parking and it is not legal parking.

Mr. Martinez said it's not a good place to park.

- Mr. Longworth said there are many places where things aren't legal and they "look the other way." He is concerned Ohori's might make a big noise about this. He said it's not like this is an unused area.

Mr. Martinez said he will ensure that we do contact them and let them know of our plans..

- Mr. Longworth said there was discussion about widening the entrance at the north side of the trail, and asked what is being widened.

Mr. Wilson said as the trail comes in on the north side it is only 10 feet wide and sort of askew. He said there is a 25 ft. right-of-way for the Rail Runner and if you get into that, you run into all kinds of issues. The suggestion was to flare out to 25 ft. as it comes into the sidewalk. He said it also will bring the trail to a wider part of the sidewalk.

- Ms. Robinson said there is a big power box there which blocks the view which she hadn't noticed before the field trip, and believes it makes sense to widen it.
- Mr. Longworth agreed. His concern is the way they brought the trail in catty-corner to this. He said it really isn't designed to accommodate traffic going in and out of there. He said there will be an increase in traffic with this change and more potential conflicts between bikes and cars, noting the national press says these conflicts are becoming more and more of a political issue. He said he wants to see a design that minimizes the conflicts between motor vehicles and bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Longworth said he has other concerns, although he is going to vote for this. He said this is one of the weakest points in our bicycle system, and he appreciates Mr. Wilson taking the incentive to get this done. However, he gets concerned because this is going to be a high profile area with a lot of traffic, and the more Mr. Wilson follows through and works with the engineers, the more we can solve these problems. He said if anything goes wrong here, the bicycling community will lose political capital. He said these are his concerns as a professional engineer. This is a critical node in our system and this is an important connection, and this is the opportunity to demonstrate how we can do it right.

- Ms. Robinson said this is one of the places where a field trip is really essential, noting it is one of the ugliest, most hideous places in the City. She said the safety issue is important, and this path will improve "this so much." She said it is worth cleaning this place up and doing this for visual and for commuters. She really wants this to happen.
- Mr. Pacheco recalls when he was a child this place was a pond. He rides through this place all the time and congratulated "them" for getting this done. He believes it is a huge improvement. He said he supports the project, and hopefully we can go all the way to Cordova.

Mr. Martinez said we are committed to taking Mr. Wilson's comments, and he totally agrees with him about the intersection changes proposed. He said staff takes this work very seriously. He said they follow all of the federal and state guidelines regarding signage and pavement.

- Chair Bushee said she wants to resolve conflicts between the different usages.
- Ms. Grogan echoed previous comments, and wants to see good signage at the beginning of the trail and markings so motorists know there may be bicyclists turning left across their lane of traffic to get to the bicycle trail.

MOTION: Frank Herdman motion, seconded by Shelley Robinson, to recommend that the project be constructed as proposed, and that the staff look at widening the trail and entertain the other suggestions regarding signage.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Bushee would like staff to investigate the possibility of placing a bicycle rack there.

3) "BIKE SHARING TASK FORCE" APPOINTMENTS (COUNCILOR BUSHEE, BOB SIQUEIROS)

Chair Bushee said Liz Roybal is being removed from the Task Force, and is being assigned to the Committee as its staff liaison, and Ann McLaughlin will be replacing her on the Task Force.

1. **Cat Downing**
2. **Abe Franklin**
3. **Andrew Jandacek, SF County Staff**
4. **Sandra Bryce, SFRCC**
5. **Ann McLaughlin**

MOTION: Ron Pacheco moved, seconded by Frank Herdman, to approve these appointments

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Bushee said she will work with staff to look for possible funding.

4) BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a. MULTI-USE TRAILS

There was no report.

b. ON-ROAD

Ms. Grogan said she spoke with Jim Harrington about joining the On-Road Subcommittee, and he indicated interest. Chair Bushee said she "thought we said yes."

Ms. Grogan said she also thought about Abe Franklin.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Siqueiros said the members of the Subcommittee are Gretchen Grogan, Alicia Martinez and Tomas Rivera.

Ms. Grogan said she has been talking with Jim and Dan Baker about the Sharrow maintenance program. She said Dan has offered to mark all the Sharrow locations as well as to take notes about the condition, and from that we can come up with a priority list for maintenance. She said Mr. Harrington volunteered to help Mr. Baker with that, noting she will help as well. She hopes this is done in time for BTAC to work on a priority list at its April meeting, saying she understood there were funds for Sharrows.

Mr. Siqueiros said he spoke with John Romero, Traffic Engineer who said this will be a great tool to use in the future in terms of prioritizing, noting there is a very limited budget, and he will look to see if there are any funds he could share with BTAC for the Sharrows Program.

Chair Bushee asked the replacement rate for Sharrows.

Mr. Siqueiros said every 2½ to 3 years, depending on the weather and traffic. He said Mr. Romero said there is only one pot of money which he has to use for several things.

Chair Bushee asked if they could be power-washed.

Mr. Siqueiros said they asked Mr. Romero about that, and he said that was more labor intensive and wouldn't last very long, depending on the traffic and where they are located.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Harrington if he is willing to serve and he said yes. She asked Ms. Grogan to check with Abe and Jim, and all of these people can be appointed formally to the Subcommittee at the next meeting. She said Ms. Grogan needs to be sure that Abe wants to serve. She said this Subcommittee can deal with more than Sharrows, and can make a list of things that need to be done once funding is available.

Ms. Grogan would like members to let her know if they have suggestions.

Mr. Siqueiros said comments were received from the Bicycle Friendly group and they had some On-Road related issues.

Chair Bushee said she gets complaints about escoria and the dirt in the bicycle lane.

Mr. Longworth said it was much better this year than last.

Chair Bushee suggested Ms. Grogan add that issue to her on-road issues.

c. MOUNTAIN BIKE

Chair Bushee said the Subcommittee needs participation from 1-2 mountain bike people, and asked people to bring any suggestions to the next meeting.

Mr. Longworth said he will be bringing that up at the next Fat Tire meeting to see if we can get 1-2 people from that group.

Mr. Longworth said the IMBA meeting is going to be awesome, and recommended members participate in any aspect they can.

Mr. Longworth asked if we need to do any work with regard to the possible excluding of mountain bikes by the Forest Service to start build alternatives.

Chair Bushee said after the Council meeting, another Resolution was introduced to "undo what we did in the first place and supporting what the Forest Service is doing."

Ms. Miles said her understanding is that nothing is going to move on that this year. She said Steve Newhall was at the National Bicycle Summit and spoke with our Senators.

Stephen Newhall said nothing will happen until Congress passes an act, and the only way that would happen if a bill was to be sponsored by Senator Udall, Senator Bingaman or Congressman Lujan, who are on our side. They know we're looking at it, so something won't happen "in the middle of the night."

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to draft something undoing the City's Resolution, noting he will have to write it because Jeanne Price is retiring right away.

Mr. Longworth asked if anything is needed from the Subcommittee at this point.

Chair Bushee said once she gets the draft Resolution, she will bring it to BTAC to weigh-in on it.

Mr. Longworth said the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe is working with the Forest Service on Saturday at Caja del Rio to do some trail work out there. He said information is available at the City website.

Chair Bushee said she will appoint Ron Pacheco to the Mountain Bike Subcommittee.

d. BIKE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Ms. Miles said they haven't met. She said the bus education poster has been installed in the buses.

Ms. Miles said SB124 is on Governor Martinez's desk for signature, and asked members to call the Governor and ask everyone they know to call as well, urging her to sign that bill.

Ms. Miles said "Bike Santa Fe" is having a bicycle weekend the first weekend in April, noting there is a Bicycle Swap on April 2, 2011, at Rob and Charlie's, and people can either buy or sell. She said full information is available at their website: www.bikesantafe.org. She said on Sunday, April 3rd, she will be teaching Bicycle Skills 1,2,3 classes for individuals who haven't been on a bicycle for years and want to start riding again, noting the classes are \$10, and is free for members.

Ms. Miles said Cat Downing had an email with Raul regarding the status of the bicycle manual section that we have written. She said Raul forwarded her correspondence to Tom Trowbridge at DOT and she believes Mr. Trowbridge supports the addition, but they are waiting for the "five foot" legislation to be signed by the Governor.

Chair Bushee asked if this Subcommittee will be working on the "Bike to Work Week" effort as well, and Ms. Miles said yes.

Cat Downing said they have a final Resolution ready to present for the Gail Ryba Trail, along with a complete description of the trail which is a combination of planned and existing trail segments, beginning at the Arroyo Chamisa Trail and ending at the road connection off Arroyo Chamisa. She said it was finished this week by Ms. Price, and hopes it will be on the next agenda.

Chair Bushee asked Ms. Downing if she worked with Gail's husband on this.

Ms. Downing said no, but Dan Baker and Tim Rogers and John were in the group, and Dan had a call into Gail's husband. She said Dan said he believes there will be no objections, and he will get the okay from her husband, so she will be proceeding.

Ms. Robinson asked if the Resolution will come here before going to City Council.

Chair Bushee said it will come to BTAC, then Public Works and Finance and then to the City Council. She asked if people need to attend the Council meeting in support of the Resolution.

Chair Bushee said perhaps the Committee could make a special presentation in her honor and have a ribbon cutting.

Ms. Robinson said the Resolution calls for a ribbon cutting, and it will include the new tunnel under St. Francis as the beginning of the trail segment.

Chair Bushee said the Resolution will be on the next BTAC meeting agenda on April 28, 2011.

e. LA TIERRA (NWQ)

Mr. Herdman said he has nothing to report because they are waiting for the consultant to meet with the School Board to get approval on the master plan. He suggested inviting the consultant to the next meeting to report on the status.

Mr. Siqueiros said she did meet with the School Board this week.

Chair Bushee would like a report at the next BTAC meeting. She asked if this committee is active.

Mr. Herdman said yes. All of the hearings are completed, reiterating they are waiting to address two outstanding issues regarding the ATV area, and whether dogs should be on or off leashes, once the School Board gives its approval.

Chair Bushee would like a report on these issues at the next meeting.

Mr. Herdman said the consultant can make a full report.

Chair Bushee would like information on the people living on Camino de los Montoyas that have an issue on the parking.

Mr. Herdman said the consultant will have a handle on that, and Mr. Siqueiros can ask her to address those issues at the next meeting.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1) BTAC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION LOG. (BOB SIQUEIROS)

a. Bicycle Ordinance

Mr. Siqueiros said he and Melissa Byers have been working on finalizing the Bicycle Ordinance, which will be ready for introduction at the first Council meeting in April, and then to Public Works, Finance and back to Council.

Councilor Bushee said this Committee should do a very brief report to the City Council and talk about the Bicycle Ordinance. She asked Mr. Siqueiros to make arrangements, and let the Committee know when it comes to Public Works so they can attend and answer questions.

Mr. Siqueiros said we probably can do that at the second meeting in April.

Mr. Herdman suggested there should be something in the Memorandum to the Council about the Bicycle Friendly status.

Chair Bushee said BTAC should talk about those two things.

Mr. Herdman said he would point out that the Ordinance is modeled on Albuquerque's Ordinance, so we're not doing anything radical.

Councilor Bushee would like a written report for the meeting, and asked each member to submit a paragraph about what their Subcommittee has worked on, we can provide a two-page report to give them with information all the things we've done and what we're working on. She said we will have about 5 minutes, so we should pick a spokesperson.

b) Bike to Work Week

Ms. Roybal said she has submitted a request for a proclamation and Resolution for Bike to Work week, and asked if this needs to be presented to the Council.

Councilor Bushee that usually is done during Bike to Work Week, which is May 16-20, 2011. She said we can mention that we worked on this at the Subcommittee.

c) St. Francis Crossing

Mr. Siqueiros said Isaac Pino and Leroy Pacheco just informed him that Phase B of the St. Francis Crossing has been approved by NMDOT, and we can now move to Phase C which is the environmental assessment of the project which is to look at both a tunnel and an overpass. They estimate Phase C will be Completed in June 2011. He said we may be able to present to the Committee in May with regard to how Phase C is proceeding. He said Mr. Pacheco will be putting the report section on the City's website.

Ms. Herdman said then it has come down to those two, and Mr. Siqueiros said yes and both are very viable, noting the third option would be No Build, noting we still have the at-grade crossing option, which will be done anyway.

d) Museum Hill Trail

Mr. Siqueiros said the Museum Hill Trail from Old Pecos Trail to Camino Lejo will be going to Public Works, then finance and to the City Council at the first meeting in April. He said they are looking at a May construction.

e) Other

Mr. Siqueiros is working on the Bicycle Friendly application, which is due in June 2011.

Ms. Grogan asked if he would like to export it to the Committee for comment.

Ms. Miles said a pdf version can be sent to the Committee, but it is too large to make copies for everyone.

Mr. Herdman would like that to be on next month's agenda, and talk about the Application and the general status.

Mr. Siqueiros said the Outreach Committee for the Bicycle to Work Week is really a good tool for outreach and he can help with that, and will be attending the meetings.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bushee asked the On-Road Committee and others to work on the clean-up of the bicycle lanes, and trails if on the sidewalk. She said there is a pedestrian bridge across from Santa Fe Place which needs painting.

Chair Bushee said at the next Council meeting there will be a proclamation declaring April 8th as Jeanne Price Day who is retiring, noting there is a party on April 8th in her honor at the City Attorney's office.

Chair Bushee said the next Bicycle to Work Week committee meeting is on March 31st in the City Councilor's Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Robinson said it might be good to do a PSA telling people we can't always drive in the bicycle lane because of the debris, and won't be using the bicycle lane until the debris is cleaned up.

Ms. Robinson spoke with Leroy Pacheco, and on Friday, April 29th there will be a ribbon cutting for a section of the Acequia Trail, and the school children are going to sing.

Mr. Siqueiros said he will send out the flyer on that.

Ms. Miles said she is experiencing potholes on both sides of Rufina – at the end of Rufina Circle and the beginning of Parkway Drive.

Mr. Pacheco said they did cleanup on the Bike Trail toward Eldorado, but we need to look at doing something about the embankments to keep the trail from being constantly dirty.

Chair Bushee said perhaps the Bike to Work week group would like to invite bicycle friendly policemen to participate.

Responding to Mr. Herdman, Mr. Rivera said he believes the "5-foot ordinance," has been sent to Governor Martinez.

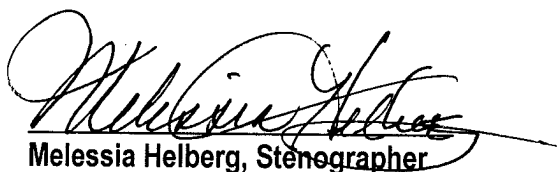
Chair Bushee said BTAC could write a letter signed by all of the members on the 5-foot legislation.

Mr. Herdman would like that to go to the Governor as soon as possible, along with a copy of the 5-foot ordinance, and said he would like Mr. Siqueiros to just go ahead and send it.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Councilor Patti J. Bushee, Chair



Melessia Helberg, Stenographer