

Solana Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from Monday, 5 Dec 2011

Attendees

Karl Rudnick
Jack Hegenauer
Kristine Schindler
Roger Boyd
Laurel Graziano
Dan Goldberg, Solana Beach Engineering Dept.

Chair Douglas Alden could not be present and the meeting was called to order by Karl Rudnick at 4:30. The minutes for the Nov 7, 2011 meeting were approved. The agenda focused on three topics:

1. Creating a map of Solana Beach highlighting existing bicycle infrastructure.
2. Establishing a liaison to Solana Beach schools to find out what is currently being done regarding bike education programs for the kids.
3. Come up with an initial design plan for the website at <http://bikewalksolana.org> .

Map of Solana Beach Bicycling Infrastructure

We discussed Douglas' idea of creating a Google map of Solana Beach highlighting the different types of bike lanes, bike parking, and bike shops. Everything would be augmented with photos and it would be good to log positions with GPS. We talked about segmenting the city into different sections and assigning members of the committee to be responsible for mapping out particular sections, by riding on their bikes, taking photos and notes, locking a bike to bike racks to rate utility, etc. Jack Hegenauer expressed a special interest in focusing on the parking situation. Not everyone had access to a GPS unit, but it was mentioned that Karl and Douglas could provide the required technology where required. In talking about highlighting loop detectors and video detector for signaled intersections, Dan Goldberg mentioned at least two on Lomas Santa Fe and offered to send Douglas pictures and other information to help identify video detection. Everyone present was willing to take on a mapping assignment and we left this topic with suggesting that Douglas and Karl make assignments to get this off the ground.

Solana Beach Schools Bicycle Liaison

We talked about establishing administrative contacts with all the public and private schools in the city to begin finding out what has been done and how we might organize events such as League of American Bicyclists sanctioned bicycle rodeos and a continuation of Kidical Mass which Laurel Graziano organized last year. Laurel stepped up to volunteer as our official liaison. The hope was to find a teacher or two who might also take an active interest. Karl mentioned that his wife, retired Solana Vista teacher Jill Cooper, would be a good person to get a list of people to talk to at Solana Vista and Skyline, and could help with initial meetings and introductions. We also talked about encouraging involvement (it takes volunteers to help run the events) from organizations such as the PTA, Del Sol Lion's Clubs, Kiwanis Club, and other local service organizations. Laurel had some good ideas for getting helmets donated through her sales contacts and to use the north end of the Coaster lot as a venue.

Website Design and Development

Now that we have a skeletal website at <http://bikewalksolana.org/>, it needs to be filled with content. Karl volunteered to take the lead on this, given experience with the North County Cycle Club and his homeowner's association. Karl plans to use the Joomla Content Management System, with which he is quite familiar. The primary design item is the basic site template. Karl will put together some alternatives for initial review based on existing templates, from which we add our own personal customization, primarily background graphics, logos, colors. Laurel mentioned that she may have a logo graphic for which she previously purchased (for her shop) and is unused as a possible enhancement to the design. Main thing is to provide a web framework which can easily be maintained to add the content we want to make available to everyone – our bicycle map, plans for the city, current projects, training events such as the kids bicycle rodeos and Kidical Mass and adult training as well, documents such as the Solana Beach Bicycle Master Plan, SBBPAC minutes, etc. The Joomla CMS makes this quite easy for adding content without having to do much low level html creation. It was suggested that anyone can help by pointing Karl to any favorite such sites they might know about such as <http://ibikefresno.org> the website which was/is used to attain/maintain Fresno's Bicycle Friendly designation.

Status of Lomas Santa Fe / Highlands Intersection Project

Roger Boyd presented a status of this project which was present to SHAG (Solana Homeowners Association Group) Oct 5, 2011. Phase 1 is to make improvements, primarily focused on improving pedestrian safety and utility of the intersection near San Dieguito Park, although there will be no improvements on actual park property which is controlled by the county and not the city. The original proposed striping of Lomas Santa Fe as a traffic slowing device has been abandoned at this point. A discussion of details is on the City Agenda but not yet scheduled. It was noted this project was started with stimulus funds which have been transferred to Caltrans money, evidently making it easier to use for this work.

San Diego Foundation

Jack Hegenauer brought it to our attention that the San Diego Foundation (<http://ourgreaterandiegovision.org>) is hosting a regionwide survey to help guide growth in San Diego County at <http://showyourlovesd.org>.

Next Meeting January 9

It was decided that the best date for the next meeting of the SBBPAC is January 9.