

**MARTIN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

MINUTES

Monday, January 11, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.
Martin County Administration Building
Growth Management Conference Room, 1st Floor
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996
(772) 320-3015

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:05 PM

Chairwoman Joan Moore called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Joan Moore, Chairwoman
Bill Martz, Vice Chairman (arrived 5:10pm)
Joseph DeFronzo (arrived 5:15pm)
Kevin B. Edwards
Jim Hudson
Jim Mottram
Ken Natoli (arrived 5:20pm)
Officer Dan Pantel
John-Mark Palacios, FDOT

Excused Members

Hal Forslund
Robert Taylor (Jury Duty)
Dee Spera

Members Not In Attendance:

Eric Cerniglia
Barbara Timmerman
Officer James C. Brooks

Staff in Attendance:

Boyd Lawrence, Planner II
Beth Beltran, Senior Planner
Lisa Sanders, Associate Planner
Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

A quorum was present for this meeting.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Jim Mottram moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Jim Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES – November 09, 2009 - BPAC Meeting

Mr. Kevin Edwards said that the statement at the bottom of page 3 of the Minutes was not accurate. His statement, as it relates to the subject, was that “material ought to be distributed to the large retailers like Wal-Mart and Target because they sell a lot of bikes”. Mr. Edwards said that perhaps a different member was being quoted. Staff will review the audio tapes and will amend the minutes accordingly.

Mr. Jim Mottram moved to approve the Minutes with revision. Seconded by Mr. Kevin Edwards. Motion carried unanimously.

5. FDOT COMMENTS

Mr. John-Mark Palacios informed that he would be taking the place of Mr. Larry Hymowitz as the FDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator at BPAC meetings.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. 2010 BPAC Topics

MEMO: temp10BPACa04.01

Mr. Boyd Lawrence introduced this Item. He said that, as this is the first meeting of the new year, and with the Bike Map project successfully concluded, it provides an ideal time to discuss new topics for the upcoming year. Mr. Lawrence said that in past meetings, the Committee had discussed the following potential projects: developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, coordinating a marketing campaign for bicycle and pedestrian safety, and providing ongoing volunteer support for the Build-a-Bike event during the Stuart Cycling Classic. The Committee proceeded to discuss these and other potential projects, issues, and activities for year 2010.

Mr. Mottram requested the status of suggestions given by the Committee as part of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Update. Mr. Lawrence replied that the PIP Update has been completed by the consultant. The Plan was approved by the MPO Policy Board and it was submitted to FHWA for their review and comments.

Mr. Martz asked if a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has already been created. Mr. Lawrence replied in the affirmative and added that the existing plan was approximately five years old. Chairwoman Moore concurred that an updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan should be part of the Committee’s goals for 2010. Mr. Martz suggested that Staff do some research on the topic and bring the findings to the Committee for review.

Mr. Mottram made a motion to have Staff draft a letter thanking the Palm City S.T.A.R.bots for providing a creative and thoughtful presentation on bicycle safety to the Committee. Seconded by Mr. Natoli. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lawrence spoke about the safety marketing campaign. He said that he has been working on the design of a safety display on a billboard. The Committee agreed that it was a great idea and

provided several suggestions.

Mr. DeFronzo suggested utilizing the safety brochures that FDOT have already created on their website. The brochures were both in English and in Spanish and were ready for printing.

Mr. Lawrence said that Staff would try reaching out to the Spanish-speaking communities for the distribution of safety information. Mr. Martz also suggested distributing safety material at the County Jail and targeting traffic offenders.

Among other suggestions for year 2010 were the following, made by Mr. Martz:

- Expanding the Build-A-Bike event to other family-organized activities, targeting general recreational bike riders.
- Organize a Christmas Lights Tour around the City of Stuart by bicycle.
- Organize a 4th of July Historical Tour of Stuart by bike, ending with a picnic at Flagler or Memorial Park and have the family watch a firework display. It could include a visit to the Elliott Museum.

The Committee developed some of these suggestions and provided some sponsorship and marketing ideas for the concepts. The group concurred that these types of activities would have a positive impact on the drivers, would help educate the community, and would reinforce the message of safety on the roads.

Officer Pantel suggested emphasizing the crosswalk utilization when marketing the concept of safety.

Another event suggested was a Historic Walking Tour around downtown that is kids-friendly.

Officer Pantel suggested incorporating short safety-talks by BPAC representatives into the various Tour ideas recommended by the Members.

Mr. DeFronzo stated that now that the Conditions Map project was successfully concluded, that the Conditions Map be publicized. Chairwoman Moore recommended having a press release and using the opportunity to educate the public.

Mr. Natoli recommended incorporating the review of County Engineering “pet” projects by BPAC Members as part of this year’s goals.

Officer Pantel suggested participating in the National Bike Month during May to bring consciousness of BPAC efforts to keep Martin County “Green”.

Mr. Martz suggested that the “pet” project review should be a recurring Item in the BPAC’s agenda. Mr. DeFronzo suggested speaking to the MPO Board and follow up with this request.

Officer Pantel commented that the Committee efforts could be connected with the “green” efforts that take place at the community’s neighborhood level, such as their clean-up events.

Mr. Natoli said that he attended an MPO Policy Board meeting on December 21, 2009 to speak

about the motion made by BPAC to review all transportation projects in the County. He said that the recommendation of the Board was to work with the County to work out a way to achieve this. Mr. Natoli reiterated the importance of being involved in transportation projects review.

Mr. Natoli said that the discussion of a potential connection of High Meadows and the American Yacht would be an item of interest to be included the Master Plan.

7. NOTES

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

- February 08, 2010 (Subcommittee)
- March 08, 2010 (Regular) – Chairwoman Moore informed that she will not be able to attend this meeting. Vice-Chair Martz replied that he anticipates attending.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Hudson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Martz. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Recorded and Prepared by:



Lisandra Bonet, Administrative Specialist II

March 08, 2010

Date

Approved by:

 Robert Taylor for:

Joan Moore, BPAC Chair

3/8/10

Date