

MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY BICYCLE PEDESTRAIN COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Held on January 20, 2009

The meeting of the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee was held on January 20, 2009 at the offices of Lee County Public Works

Those in attendance included:

Dawn Gordon	Lee County School District
Michael Horsting	Lee County Transit
Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Transportation
Trinity Caudill-Scott	Florida Department of Transportation
Dan Moser	Injury Prevention Coalition
Fred Johnson	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Xinquo "Joe" Jiang	City of Fort Myers
Sarita Taylor	Florida Department of Transportation
Arthur Godar	Citizens Advisory Committee
Vicki Griffin	Lee County Department of Transportation

Other in attendance included:

Don Scott	Lee County MPO
Ron Gogoi	Lee County MPO
Angie Tomlinson	Southwest Florida RPC
Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral
Stephanie Smith	City of Cape Coral
Mike Strohecker	City of Cape Coral

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Getch called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Approval of October 8, 2008 Joint BPCC and PAC Minutes

MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. GODAR SECONDED TO APPROVE HE OCTOBER 8, 2008 JOINT BPCC AND PAC MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Discussion on Minimizing Inconsistencies in the Design and Implementation of Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities on Roadways Countywide

Mr. Moser asked the committee for strategies to get the local governments involved; so that policies will be followed.

Mr. Scott replied that staff will look at the projects; however each jurisdiction will be required to follow their own policies.

Mr. Strohecker suggested having training sessions on the local jurisdiction, more so than FDOT.

Ms. Taylor informed the committee that she would check on getting a combined Bicycle/Pedestrian and ADA training.

Mr. Gogoi suggested that all manuals and handbooks need to have consistency.

Ms. Sarita informed the committee that she has been informed that the Florida Greenbook and Chapter 8 are in process of becoming consistent with each other.

Mr. Strohecker suggested that all three manuals, including Florida Greenways, Chapter 8 and Roadway Design needed to be updated.

Mr. Moser requested training, and that the committee takes the information back to their local jurisdiction to be reviewed by everyone at their agencies.

Mr. Scott asked if Ms. Griffin and Ms. Taylor review the development orders.

Ms. Griffin replied that yes, she works with Dan who does most of the Development Order review, and she does some of it to try to get everything as it is suppose to be. For instance, the right turn lane; we've be working on for the past year. However, she also state that they do not always see things that are not on County maintain roads, which would fall on to Community Development, and there are different standards for private roads.

Ms. Taylor replied that she does not review any plans, and that she reviews the concept reports for every project. Steve Jansen gets a copy of the plans for review.

3. Pine Island (SR 78) Parallel Access Road Plan and Proposed Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities

Ms. Zambrano gave an overview of the Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities on Pine Island Road (SR 78).

The committee ensued in conversation about the City of Cape Coral adding sidewalks to Pine Island Road (SR 78).

4. Discussion of Ways to Maximize Opportunities for Developer Built Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities

Mr. Scott and Mr. Gogoi asked the committee to recommend regulations for each of the jurisdiction, so that they can be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Ms. Griffin informed the committee that the term “bike path” was no longer being used, and that it is now either and shared use path, bike lane or undesignated bike lane.

5. Update on the Lee County Bicycle and pedestrian Land Use Regulations

Mr. Getch informed the committee that the Lee County Land Use Regulations are in three layers, and that these layers are currently going through amendments.

6. Discussion on the Scope of Work for the Countywide Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Scott informed the committee that staff is trying to have the Master Plan finalized for the March meeting , and then bring to the TAC and CAC in April.

Ms. Caudill-Scott suggested placing the available data online.

The committee ensued in discussion about the Master Plan.

7. Update on Proposals for FY 2013/14 Safe Route to School Funds

Mr. Gogoi informed the committee that the total amount of funds available for infrastructure projects in District on is approximately \$2.4 million not \$1.2 million.

Ms. Gordon gave an update on the proposals for Safe Route to school.

8. LeeTran Report

None

9. FDOT Report

Ms. Caudill-Scott informed the committee that the combined box was funded at \$5 million. Congestion Management was for signal funding was also funded.

10. Announcements

None

11. Information and Distribution Items

Thunderhead Economic Stimulus

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.