

Metro Bicycle Coalition

March 14, 2007
Fairgrinds Coffee House
5:45 p.m.

Draft Minutes.

Attendees: Liz Davey, Donald Duzac, Tim Eskew, Dan Jatres, Todd Peterson, Liz Lichten, Gloria M., Marco Rosamano, Jennifer Ruley,

Introductions.

Agenda: Bicycle Parking Requirements (New Orleans)
Discussion revolved around the need for legal requirements for at least some of larger developments and renovations. We compared NOLA with Portland, OR, with regard to bicycle parking requirements. It was said that the city (N.O.) was amicable to parking development changes. The conclusion was to take the most modern approach and have bicycle parking requirements independent of car parking requirements. We support this.

Legislative Session

Ideas to introduce bicycle friendly legislation and changes to current statutes became a question of how to introduce a bill before the legislature and the deadline for its introduction. We wish to share our developed recommendations with Mark Martin of B.R.A.S.S..

Regional Planning Commission (update)

An inventory of bicycle routes, paths, infrastructure, etc. for a map of working projects and a meeting with the guidance for the Mississippi river path for a collaboration on a map for this region. The map will include bicycle tourist amenities and other points of interest in order to lure cycling tourists to the area. Private engineering firms are targeted for input into these plans. There will be quotes solicited for the planning contract which must be tailored to New Orleans. Also there will be law enforcement training to provide effective training for officers when dealing with cyclists. MBC will work with The Planners Network including a tour of the city and provide advice and council. Rentals will be made available for the visiting group.

Safety Kits (update)

Many kits were passed out on Frenchmen St. at Royal St. making these kits a big success. We planned to allot more kits to Plan "B" and give fifty of them to ACORN. We believe we have mostly impacted our target audience for these kits and will revisit them in the Fall when darkness comes earlier in the evening.

Treasurer's Report

(insert report here because something got rushed and I didn't catch it, -Tim)

Next Meeting: Fairgrinds Coffee House, April 11, 2007, 5:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.