

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 7, 2005**

**Department of Water and Power Board Room
111 N. Hope Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

BAC Members in Attendance

Alex Baum	Mayor's Office (BAC Chairman)
Glenn Bailey	Mayor's Office
David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Melvin Leventhal	CD-5
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Elizabeth Castillo-Pedroza	CD-9
Brian Forbisher	CD-14

BAC Members Absent

Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Darien Mann	CD-6
Bart Reed	CD-7
Vacant	CD-10
Ron Skarin	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13
Vacant	CD-15

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael Uyeno	LADOT
Bruce Christianson	LAPD

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
Mel Patten	City of Bicycles

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1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes – Approval of April 5, 2005 Minutes.

3. Proposed Modification of the LAMC/Off Road Bikes in City Parks – Michael Goodman presented the committee with two handouts (attached) Current LAMC Sections Regulating Bikes in LA Parks and Youth Mountain Biking in Elysian Park. The Youth Mountain Biking proposal included an overview of the Youth Adventures Program, formed by the Concerned Off-Road Bicycle Program, to present outdoor recreational activities to urban youth. The LAMC document proposed a draft revision to the LAMC to delete the references to cycles or bicycles prohibited from Los Angeles city parks. Both items were discussed by BAC members and concerns were voiced regarding potential opposition to both proposals and possible implementation measures.

Michael Goodman moved: The Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), the appointed advisory body of the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council, recommends members of the BAC's Advocacy Committee meet with Council members and the Mayor elect in support of the possibility of permitting off-road bicycling through Youth Adventures in Elysian Park. Second Mel Leventhal. None Opposed.

David Wolfberg moved: To table the LAMC modification relative to bicycling in the parks to the August meeting. Second Barry Seybert. Opposed: Brian Frobisher, Michael Goodman.

4. Saturday Ride Club – Aubrey Provost introduced Mel Patton, owner of City of Bicycles shop in Inglewood. Mr. Patton provided the BAC with an overview of his regular Saturday ride program and his efforts to get people out of the habits of their sedentary lifestyles and out on to bicycles.

5. LAPD Bicycle Auctions – Officer Bruce Christiansen reported back to the Committee's request for information regarding LAPD's procedures the disposal of unclaimed stolen or lost bicycles. When bicycles do not have identification, or cannot be identified, the bikes are held, typically for a few months, with other lost/stolen property items. The department regularly disposes of these items, including bicycles, through police auctions that are held semi-regularly by the LAPD. Funds generated through the property auctions to the LAPD General Fund.

6. Bicycle Licensing Update – Michelle Mowery updated the committee on the status of the City's bicycle licensing program and a possible update of the program from the report given at the last meeting. Ms. Mowery is working with the Juvenile Division of the LAPD and the Office of Finance and is waiting to report back to the City Council

Transportation Committee in June.

Glenn Bailey presented some information on the National Bicycle Registry, a commercial, nation-wide bicycle registry, and recommended staff follow-up on the program and investigate the possibility of use by the City.

7. LAPD Report – Officer Bruce Christensen reported that Chief Bratton, Assistant Chief Paysinger, and civilian Chief of Homeland Security Miller all attended Bike School and are enthusiastic and supportive of the officers on bicycles program. On August 16 an LAPD inspection will be held at the Police Academy and is an opportunity for the Bicycle Unit to present their program.

8. Safety Programs Update – Tana Ball reported on securing two new Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grants to continue her efforts with LAUSD and implement the next OTS Traffic Summit.

9. Subcommittee Reports -

Bikeways - Glenn Bailey – No meeting held.

Planning – Mel Leventhal – Reported on the status of the Bicycle Plan update, MTA's bicycle planning efforts, and the update of the Bicycle Parking ordinances. Next meeting July 12.

Education/Promotion – Aubrey Provost and David Wolfberg – The committee members reported on the Blessing of the Bicycles bike-to-work day program and the Dating-By-Bike website being developed by members. Next meeting July 5th.

Advocacy – Michael Goodman – Committee discussed a revision to the Municipal Codes. Next meeting is July 19th at 7PM.

10. Bicycle Coordinator's Report - Michelle Mowery reported on Michael May's rotation status, the Orange Line BRT/Bike Path project, the status of the update of the City's bicycle parking ordinances, the MTA Bike Plan, MTA's bicycle access to Eastside LRT stations, the Expo LRT, Bike to Work day and the Plummer bike lanes.

11. Bikeways Report – Michael May was out sick.

12. Public Comments – Ben Guzman presented the committee with information regarding the Bike Kitchen, a non-profit, do-it-yourself bicycle repair shop and William Tang asked for support of better bike parking at the Central Library and Dodger Stadium.

13. BAC Member Comments – Chairman Baum announced that the BAC's own Ron Skarin, two time Olympian and Pan American Games Gold medallist, has been

nominated to the Bicycling Hall of Fame.

14. Adjournment - 9:24 PM