

**City of Los Angeles
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 3, 2006**

**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
Ron Skarin	Mayor's Office (pending)
Michael Goodman	CD-2
Paul Backstrom	CD-5
Bart Reed	CD-7
Aubrey Provost	CD-8
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	CD-10
Kent Strumpell	CD-11
Don Rosenberg	CD-12 (BAC Vice Chairman)
Joe Linton	CD-13

BAC Members Absent

David Wolfberg	Mayor's Office
Jeff Chapman	CD-1
Barry Seybert	CD-3
Rick Llewellyn	CD-4
Darian Mann	CD-6
Elizabeth Castillo-Pedrosa	CD-9
Brian Forbisher	CD-14
Vacant	CD-15

City Staff

Michelle Mowery	LADOT
Michael May	LADOT
Bruce Christensen	LAPD
Jill Sourial	CD-1
Claire Bowin	City Planning

Guests

Tana Ball	LAUSD
Mia Lehrer	Mia Lehrer + Associates

October 10, 2006 Minutes

1. Introductions – Members welcomed new CD-5 representative Paul Backstrom.
2. Approval of Minutes – August minutes neglected to reflect that Don Rosenberg chaired the meeting in Alex Baum's absence.
3. Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan – Mia Lehrer of Mia Lehrer Associates, from the Tetrattec team working on the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan, made a presentation regarding the work on the plan to date. The final plan is to be presented to City Council in January. The plan's goals include flood control, revitalization, habitat restoration, water quality, and multi-benefit projects such as bike path projects. The plan's goal for bike paths in the Los Angeles River is to design for 32 miles of uninterrupted travel along the river. Design issues include infrastructure concerns including the configuration of the channel and the bridges in place that cause obstacles to integration of the bike path.

In addition, the Mia Lehrer staff is working on a series of 16 River Loops that would provide bicycling and/or walking circuits throughout the river corridor available for recreational use. The loops would incorporate the use of the transportation bikeways and additional bike and pedestrian friendly mileage to provide additional opportunities for walkers and bicyclists. An additional presentation will be made at the next Planning Sub-committee meeting to provide BAC members with the opportunity to provide additional input and recommendations to the loop routes.

4. Off Road Bicycling in City Parks – Michael Goodman reported on his meetings with Council members and city leaders regarding the potential for acceptance of mountain bicycles in city parks to allow youth off-road bicycling opportunities.

Motion: The BAC supports the Advocacy Sub-committee's efforts to meet with neighborhood councils and community groups to further efforts in seeking modification of the municipal code's complete ban on bicycles on dirt in LA City Parks. Michael Goodman; second Aubrey Provost; none opposed.

5. BAC Schedule and Meeting Dates - A discussion was held by members regarding the number of regular BAC meetings and sub-committee meetings held annually. It was suggested the committee might want to consider returning to its original 10 meetings a year (one each month except August and December) and rework the current sub-committee structure. Options include combining sub-committees to create two super sub-committees – Bikeways and Planning, Education, Promotion and Advocacy – which would continue to meet every other month. The change would require a rewrite of the bylaws. The item will be agendaized for finalization and adoption at the next meeting in December. In the interim, a special combined meeting of the Education and Promotion and

Advocacy sub-committee will be held in November, while the Bikeways and Planning sub-committee's will hold their regularly scheduled meetings in November.

6. Public Comment Scheduling – A discussion was held regarding moving the Public Comment section of the agenda to the beginning of the meeting. Some support was voiced if comments were kept within 2 minutes and additional comment was allowed for items scheduled later in the meeting. The membership was reminded that the agenda structure was within the purview of the Chairman, who will take the recommendation under consideration.

7. LAPD Report – Officer Bruce Christensen reported on items relative to the LAPD Bicycle Program including: the Bicycle Program's relocation to the Training Division within the department and strong support of Chief Bratton of the program; and LAPD's support of the October 30th Neighborhood Bike Ride hosted by City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.

8. Safety Program Update – LAUSD bicycle safety coordinator Tana Ball reported on her ongoing work on the upcoming Kid's-n-Safety Conference and her scheduled 400 helmet give-away at Council member Gruel's Safety Fair on November 7th.

9. Subcommittee Reports –

Bikeways – Glenn Bailey reported on the group's review of the Expo LRT Bike Lane project and updates by staff of the Orange Line and Santa Monica Blvd. Transitway projects. Next meeting scheduled for November 9th.

Planning – No committee member was in attendance to report on the meeting but staff noted that the meeting reviewed the upcoming Bicycle Plan update and bicycle parking issues in the city. Next meeting scheduled for November 14th.

Education/Promotion – No meeting held. The committee's next meeting will be a special combined meeting with the Advocacy sub-committee on November 7th.

Advocacy Meeting – Report covered in Agenda Item 4. The sub-committee's next meeting will be a special combined meeting with Education/Promotion sub-committee on November 7th.

10. Bicycle Coordinator Report – Michelle Mowery briefly referred to her written report which provided an update on the Bicycle Plan Update, bicycle parking program and activities of the PCH Task Force.

11. Bikeways Report – Michael May also referred to his report with no further questions from the membership.

12. Public Comments – No comments.

13. BAC Member Comments – Ron Skarin noted his efforts to work with former Olympians to foster an interest in the sport of cycling. Ron will be implementing a program at Reseda High School.

14. Adjournment – 9:37 PM.