

**BABC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2006**

Attendees: Mark Birnbaum, Cole Portocarrero, Corinne Winter, Andy Thornley, Dave Burch, Christine Culver, Yehuda Sherman, JB Davis, Carol Levine, Robert Raburn, Deb Hubsmith

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Consent Calendar

Approve minutes of May 9, 2006 Board meeting – Minutes approved

Financial statement from Treasurer – Mark will provide more numbers when he has closed the books. We are doing well

Actions / Updates

Executive Director's Report: Bike to Work Day / Bay in a Day Ride

BTWD – We received exceptional media coverage this year. Registrations were a bit higher than last year. Team bike challenge was a fantastic event. The winning team was Critical Macs from SF County. Final cash sponsorship was \$32.5K which was double from last year. MTC is happy with our job this year. Hits to website increased by 110%. Cole is working to get a sole source contract for next year.

BIAD – Working out the logistics for now with getting people and equipment where it is needed. Volunteers are still needed. Registration is about 100 now. Cole is working to setup post-ride media coverage.

Request by CABO for donation to Prokop defense fund re: Class 1 bike paths

Currently the local jurisdiction is responsible for injuries related to poor maintenance of roadways. In 1997-8 (Farnum case) this liability was excluded for Class 1 paths. CABO is making the appeal for a recent decision of liability (decision against the cyclist - Prokop case) on the Los Angeles River bikeway. John Forrester is involved on fighting this decision. Brief was just filed. They are looking for financial contributions to support this effort. Concerns raised that overturning this decision could result in facilities being closed or new facilities not constructed. However, these results would need to be addressed as they occur. Board discussion reflected support of Prokop appeal.

Hiring of tax consultant for BABC

With BTWD and other income, BABC is now required to file tax returns. Mark is not comfortable with this activity and is looking to hire a tax consultant. He has contacted the tax consultant that works with MCBC and she is willing to do this at reduced cost. (\$300/year)

Motion was made to approve spending up to \$300/year for tax consultant. MOTION PASSED

Discuss / adopt budget for July thru December 2006

The budget committee has prepared a budget for the last 6 months of the year. This shows about \$62K of income and \$43K for expenses.

Motion to adopt the budget with addition of \$600 for hiring of tax consultant (for two fiscal years) and \$500 for support of CABO for Prokop. MOTION PASSED.

BABC Retreat – use Sept Board meeting as mini-retreat?

Last retreat was in June 2004. This was discussed as an important activity to guide BABC for the next few years. The consensus is that this is more than can be accomplished at a regular board meeting. MCBC has used Community at Work in SF to supply facilitators. Decision to have a full day (Sat or Sun) in late September or October.

Action: Cole, Corinne and Robert will take the lead to schedule and program the retreat.

Personnel Committee needs to schedule ED performance review

Last year this review was held in August. We will schedule this again in late August or September.

MTC Routine Accommodation policy adopted: What happens next?

Next steps will be set at next regional bike working group meeting on August 10th 1-3pm. Cole and Deb cannot attend but others will cover.

New MTC bike/ped staffer Sean Co to take over for Doug Johnson

This position will be a 40% position not the full-time position requested by advocates. It maintains the same level that Doug worked, and is an increase from the 25% we were hearing that MTC was planning to provide.

Update on Legislation:

AB 2444 (Klehs) – concern that governor wouldn't signed but would veto

SB 1611 (Simitian) – TALC is supporting this (which is similar to AB2444 but requires a vote from the CMA and the public). Andy to contact TALC to find out where this one stands with regard to making bike/ped programs eligible for funding.

Caltrans Safety Funding – \$90M/year for hwy safety. Part 1 is the Strategic Highway Safety Plan by Caltrans. Part 2 is implementation (Sept-Dec) where 16 committees will decide how money is to be spent.

Safe Routes to School advisory committee – This committee is meeting to discuss how to distribute federal funds. The next meeting will be held in August to finalize requirements for call for projects in October (due in December) and will be for 1-3 years. There is a total of \$64 million available from federal funds over the five years of SAFETEA-LU, but that will be distributed over 3 years, likely with two calls for applications. Non-profits will be eligible to apply. Funds will be available for infrastructure (70%) and non-infrastructure projects (up to 30%). 10% of overall money will go towards education and encouragement programs available to all schools, etc statewide.

EIR for Caldecott Tunnel 4th bore: bike accommodation – Deadline is tomorrow July 12th for comments on EIR. At public meetings, large number of comments related to inadequacy of EIR in addressing bikes and peds access. In direct connections (BART, buses) have not been addressed! Also, local access and bridges crossing tunnel approach were removed in 1960s and never replaced. BABC will support EBBCs letter.

San Francisco Bike Plan lawsuit – There is an injunction on City from moving forward on any bike improvements based on inadequate environmental clearance. Short-term desire is to get injunction lifted.

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle meetings – Next meeting was cancelled.

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge - Next meeting to happen week of August 7th . At this meeting, Caltrans will present their designs. (Deb, Robert)

Bay Bridge bike/ped pathway – West Span

In fall 2005, SFBC partnered with the San Francisco Department of Public health and TALC to submit an application to Caltrans for a Community-Based Planning grant to plan for a walkable/bikeable community on Treasure Island. SFBC recently learned that the grant application was approved. Details will have to be worked out, but the goals and deliverables of this grant are expected to advance the case for building a bike/ped pathway on the west span of the Bay Bridge.

Next Meeting

Next meeting date will be set after polling by Cole.