

**Minutes of BABC Board Meeting  
August 10, 2004**

Directors Present: Mick Weninger, Dave Burch, Josh Hart, Deb Hubsmith, Yehuda Sherman, Robert Raburn, Mark Birnbaum, Jim Stallman, Lou Penning, Chris Culver, Carol Levine

Chair Burch called the meeting to order at 7:15. Yehuda read a letter from MTC, which is giving an award to Robert Raburn. Josh read a letter from Caltrans, explaining why the Zampa bridge is closed to cyclists at night. Josh stated that there is a blanket need for changes in policies regarding bicyclists on bridges in the Bay Area.

Motion to approve minutes of May 4, 2004 meeting was approved.

We discussed T2030, from the MTC. No big developments yet. There will probably be a call for projects in Oct. or Nov. 2004.

Deb suggested that we all need to identify high priority projects in each county and work with local public works staff to nominate these projects. We also need to monitor proposed projects to be sure they make sense as part of a coherent bicycle route system.

**ACTION ITEM: Deb will email out a chart, to each Board member, showing how much money each county will get over the life of the plan.**

Mark reported no new developments in the fundraising area. He will be working in the fall, on putting together a plan for a fundraising double century. Deb announced a proposal by John Doidge, an MCBC Board Member, for a day of multiple events and rides, to be held in various places around the Bay. This would build on Mark's "Around the Bay in One Day" ride. No details available yet.

MTC wants to sole source the contract to run Bike to Work Day, to BABC, if we meet the various pre-award audit requirements, have the required insurance, and put together an acceptable work plan.

Robert moved and Carol seconded that BABC pursue the BTWD contract, and authorize up to \$2,000, if needed, to put together a work plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM: Mark will work on obtaining the insurance for BTWD and will set up an accounting system that meets MTC's requirements. Josh, Jim and Deb will come up with a draft of a work plan. Both of these tasks are to be completed by Aug. 31.**

Robert suggested that BABC put together kick off luncheons in all counties, to get BTWD off on the right foot with local governments and corporations.

We discussed TALC's land use plan proposal. Robert moved and Jim seconded, that BABC endorse the land use plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Bike Path on the West Span of the Bay Bridge-Josh reported that there may be an additional dollar added to bridge toll on the Bay Bridge, and possibly other bridges, to cover the cost overruns on the construction of the new bridge. It was agreed that BABC pursue allocating a portion of this "fourth dollar" fund to construct a bicycle path on the west span of the Bay Bridge.

**ACTION ITEM: Deb will contact Supervisor Steve Kinsey, to get more information as to what the "game plan" is, in regards to the fourth dollar. Deb, Josh and Robert will then plan the next step, for BABC.**

**Josh will make presentation re: west span pathway at August 18 TALC meeting.**

**Josh & Robert will try to meet with C2HM Hill staff to analyze figures related to potential costs and cost-savings related to west span pathway.**

Deb moved, Robert seconded, that BABC ask MTC and BATA to include the west span bike path as part of any plan (such as an increase in bridge tolls to \$4) to cover the funding shortfall for the new east span of the Bay Bridge. The motion was unanimously approved.

We need to look for an at large board member, to fill the current vacancy. Dave will send out feelers to various organizations. We also agreed to hold elections for officers at the next Board meeting.

Chris reported that both drivers in the recent Sonoma County drunk driving fatality cases have pleaded guilty, to vehicular manslaughter, and will be sentenced in the near future.

Deb reported on the Richmond-San Rafael bridge. The public access study was supposed to be completed by now, however, only the first meeting has been held. It appears from an email from MTC staff that Caltrans and MTC are negotiating as to when the third lane will be needed for auto traffic. Deb is working with BCDC to find out what is going on related to a need for Caltrans to get a permit for redecking or resurfacing the bridge. . Deb and/or Robert will attend the meetings relating to this bridge.

Robert reported that he just learned that the bike shuttle on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge will be terminated effective August 15. This will eliminate the direct service from Martinez. Termination of the service was apparently approved by BCDC.

The next BOD meeting date was set as Oct. 5, 2004, at the Wilbur Smith offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Submitted by Mark Birnbaum