

Yakima Bikes and Walks - Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 6:30 pm
Sub Shop of Yakima, 20 N. Second Street, Yakima

1. Welcome – Self-introductions were made.
2. Members' suggestions for additional agenda items – We'll add this as a regular agenda item early in the meeting so that we can learn of new issues needing discussion. If we don't have time to discuss a new issue, we'll schedule it for a future meeting.
3. Projects
 - a. Ride d'Vine - August 8th - Anna Green announced this 3rd annual fundraising ride for Catholic Charities Housing Services and provided fliers. Starting at Sarg Hubbard Park it goes over Konnowac Pass to Zillah, with 25, 50, and 70 miles routes available. A scenic ride through hop fields, orchards and vineyard, and ending with wine tasting!
 - b. Bike Master Plan
 - i. The project's first Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held at city hall on 4-16-15. Nine YBAW members attended along with seven staff from the city and YVCOG and two planners from Toole. Toole will develop a "study network" of streets that will receive detailed study. To help in identifying the study network, an online crowd source/wiki map will let anyone indicate streets they use, would like to use, and where barriers to bicycling exist. Sample vision statements from Dallas, TX, Casper, WY, and Aurora, CO were circulated for review. Seven areas of emphasis were identified by the group and everyone in attendance (except Toole) voted for their highest priority, which established the following priorities:
 - Connectivity (8)
 - Education/Encouragement (3)
 - Mobility (2)
 - Cost-efficiency (2)
 - Maintenance (1)
 - Safety comfort (0)
 - Wayfinding (0)Next TAC meeting is expected to be on 6-18-15.
 - ii. The Public Kickoff for the BMP will be in conjunction with Voices for Our Streets: Thursday, May 21, 2015, 6:00 pm, Yakima Convention Center. Toole Design will present. [Note: Y-PAC video of the event is at: <http://205.172.45.10/Cablecast/Public/Show.aspx?ChannelID=2&ShowID=6788>]
 - iii. Give your input on the online survey & crowd source mapping at: <http://www.yakimawa.gov/services/planning/comprehensive-plan-update/bicycle-master-plan/>
 - c. SB 5438 "Dead Red" Bill passed and was signed by the governor. This will allow bicyclists a procedure to travel through certain non-functioning red traffic lights, as motorcycles now can do. This bill was sponsored by Senator Curtis King from Yakima. Thanks everyone who contacted their elected officials!

- d. Memorial Ride/Walk—Jackie reported that MADD has hired a woman whose exclusive job is to organize memorial rides, but she is looking at 2016. A June 2015 memorial ride as the Bike Party was suggested, or possibly Wednesday 6-29-15. Wearing arm band flashers (available at Fred Meyer) was suggested.
- e. Bike Racks in Yakima
 - i. Ed Patton's racks: The city bought 3 racks and is installing them at Portia Park (Yakima & 12th Ave.), the YMCA, and a Church. Others are also being installed.
 - ii. Maker Space Bicycle Racks: We had a grinding and drilling party in mid-April, but suspended further drilling until we hear from the city approves the installation method, which will establish the number and location of holes to drill.
- f. Complete Streets Working Group
 - i. The city had a table at Cinco de Mayo to get the word out on our events:
 - *Feet in the Street* is on Sunday, May 17, N. 3rd Street & Yakima Ave.
 - *Voices for Our Streets* is on Thursday evening, May 21, Yakima Convention Center. This will also be the public kickoff for the Bike Master Plan.
 - ii. Bike to Work Day: Info on YVCOG's incentives to ride was handed out.
 - iii. Safe Routes to School: On May 6, 3:30-5:30, walking school bus training will be held at Adams Elementary School, where Bill Varady is principal. Alan Matsumoto is principal at Garfield Elementary, which is also participating.
- g. Organizational Structure: Goal setting—Postponed until June due to much else going on.

4. Trainings/Social

- a. Rob previewed the webinar "A resident's guide for creating safer communities for walking and biking" and reported on these things being done in other communities:
 - Engaging with city staff.
 - High diabetes and obesity in Brownsville, TX. Pledge to ride x miles per week => \$\$ saved, calories burned, etc.
 - Celebrating small wins.
 - Involving youth.
 - Memphis, TN: MemFix = re-shaping streets with paint and building rapport with city council.

It was suggested that YBAW sponsor a forum for city council candidates.

The Webinar is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqDjHBGrwMo>

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Next meeting May 26—Celebration time! Perhaps at Yakima Craft Taproom OTA?
- b. Memorial Ride on Greenway/Memorial Walk (June 2015)
- c. Film screening (Aftermass <http://microcosmpublishing.com/aftermass>) —Ken Jones (no date yet)
- d. Ride d'Vine—August 8th. Volunteers/water station!