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Meeting Minutes – Jan 7, 2009

Attendance: John Pilger, Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt John Westmoreland (PCSD), Bill Adamson, Chuck Hill

- 1) John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- 2) The minutes of the Dec 3, 2008 meeting were approved with spelling corrections.
- 3) Sheriff Department Comments: Sgt John had no reports of incidents involving bicyclists.
- 4) Sahuarity Police Department: JP relayed that Sgt Blevins (SPD) had conducted a training course for several officers that qualifies them to work as bicycle police officers.
- 5) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
 - a) Anza Trail – Bill Adamson said there is still an issue with passage over the bridge and the right of way near the Torres Blancas Golf Course. Pima County says that an easement exists and that the route will be surveyed and marked in Feb 2009. On a related topic Bill said that he had attended a meeting called by Rafael Payan to identify the items that need attention in the extended medical absence of Steve Anderson. Rafael plans to prioritize and look for support for these projects. Bill opined that the diverse group assembled for this meeting could provide valuable advise to Park and Recreation in the future.
 - b) Town of Sahuarita – JP said Kevin McDonald had been at the local DMV office and no Share the Road booklets were available. JP said he will restock the office..
 - c) GVCCC T & A and Project Updates: Jim Jordan
 - i) ADOT was not at the last T & A meeting and that the Canoa Ranch roundabout had been opened for traffic.
 - ii) The ADOT portion of the east frontage road project still tied to Pima County.
 - iii) Paperwork to move the Continental SRS project forward and overcome the cultural site delay is underway.
 - d) Road Safety and maintenance issues – Sgt John confirmed that PCDOT has received his email traffic on the dangerous cattle guard near mile 19 on Arivacca Rd.
 - e) RTA, RTP & TIP projects - Bill said that projects from our master plan worksheet have been provided for incorporation into the Pima County 2040 RTP.
 - f) TPCBAC & Enforcement update: Tony Croby.
 - i) The letter to American Nevada Corp expressing bicyclist concerns about the Mission Peaks project was approved at the Dec 10 meeting..

- ii) Tony mentioned several other items in the same meeting including a briefing on Transportation Enhancement Grants, the proposed “Michigan” left turns on Grant Rd, and the concept of “bike corrals” to facilitate bike usage.
- g) West Desert Preserve - Bill covered the initiative of the Sierrita Mine officials to acquire a buffer around their activity that would tie in to the work to preserve the WDP.

6) Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) Green Valley Bike Map – Chuck Hill presented an draft version of the area bicycle map. Many popular routes have been identified and he hopes to add more, particularly in the Sahuarita area. Funding for the production of the final product may be available from Pima County or through use of advertising space on the map.
- b) Ride of Silence – Chuck confirmed the date and time, May 20th at 6 PM, and that information will be published on the ROS website. He will be coordinating support from the PCSD, the GV Fire District, and the Sahuarita PD
- c) Tucson Bicycle Classic – JP said the dates would be Mar 6 - 8, 2009. The Sahuarita loop road race will be held on the 7th.

7) Public Concerns – Based on some comments from visitors, JP mentioned that links for information on bicycle routes would be useful links on web sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next meeting will be Feb 4, 2009, 3 PM, in the GVCCC conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe