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DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Mar 4, 2009

Attendance: John Pilger, Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt John Westmoreland (PCSD), Bill Adamson, Chuck Hill, Basil Baker, Lee Blackwell, Hank Deutsch, Joe Knable, Bob Thul, Ralph Edwards

- 1) John Pilger (JP) called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- 2) The minutes of the Feb 4, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 3) Sheriff Department Comments: Sgt John brought up the recent bicycle friendly award article in the Green Valley News. The picture accompanying the article depicted several Shoot Out riders in the Duval Mine Rd area, many riding in a traffic lane rather than what appeared to be an adequate shoulder. He said that the local office had received calls of complaint, some asking that the offending riders be identified and cited. Tony Crosby commented that this was not the first time a positive article on bicycling had been compromised by an unfortunate photograph. Sgt John also mentioned the proposed SAV Bike Patrol and how the department will be looking for input and support from the SCVBAC. The next training class for SAV officers will be held in Oct 2009.
- 4) Sahuarity Police Department: JP relayed that Sgt Blevins (SPD) was tied up official duties but passed on the SPD now has six trained officers for bike patrol duties.
- 5) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
  - a) Santa Cruz County – Lee Blackwell said he would be attending the National Bicycle Summit in DC next week as a representative of the Sonoran Dessert Mountain Bicyclists. Lee said his major concern is the ban on mountain bikes in National Forest Wilderness areas, in particular the effect that the proposed Tumacacori Mountain wilderness designation will have on bicycling in the area. He said this ban was not part of the original wilderness law but the result of an administrative decision in 1984. Lee solicited letters of support for a review of this policy for him to present to our national representatives. Bill Adamson asked if a letter from the SCVBAC would be appropriate and Lee said yes. Tony agreed to draft the letter.
  - b) Anza Trail – Lee said there is still a liability issue of the trail crossing under I-19. Bill suggested it might be more of a maintenance responsibility. Lee agreed to further investigate what is meant by responsibility. Bill said he believes the Anza Trail near Torres Blancas has been surveyed and that some fine-tuning will be necessary to insure continuity of the trail

through the area due to changes in the riverbed.

c) Town of Sahuarita – JP said the Sahuarita Bike Fest will be held April 18 at AMAX park. Bill mentioned that the March meeting of the TPCBAC would be held in Mar 11, 6 PM, at the Sahuarita Municipal Complex. He also passed out a flyer announcing a series of PAG transportation public meetings to be held this month, the nearest at the Joyner library, Wednesday, Mar 18 at 11 AM.

d) S of Broadway – Bill reported that Roy Schoonover and advocates would be meeting with Mr. Huckleberry and county officers to encourage using a small percentage of stimulus package funding for bike projects. Some local prospects for consideration would be widening Continental Road and climbing lanes on Mission Rd.

e) GVCCC T & A and Project Updates - Jim Jordan said that the Continental/Del Sol roundabout is still on track with RTA monies. He reported that the recovery plan for the cultural site on Continental Rd has been approved. Bill mentioned he is soliciting ideas for locating the two available Bike Friendly Community signs and for any additional signs that may be available later.

f) Road Safety and maintenance issues – JP showed pictures of the repaired cattle guard and approaches on Arivaca Rd.

g) TE Grants - Bill said there is a possibility of using stimulus monies to make possible additional TE grants. He suggested resubmitting the Esperanza project. This will require ADOT cooperation to update funding and PCDOT to provide printing support.

h) West Desert Preserve – Bill said the mine is exploring the suitability of the proposed site for a new tailing pond. He said there is also some interest from Pima County in acquiring the Marley Ranch property for preservation.

6) Publicity/Education/Website:

a) Green Valley Bike Map – Chuck Hill showed an updated copy of the GV bike map with additional graphics from Pima County. He said the GV News had expressed an interest finding advertisers and printing the map.

b) Ride of Silence – Chuck presented the poster for the ride this year.

c) Tucson Bicycle Classic – JP reminded us the races would be this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

d) HB2479 Proposal – a discussion ensued on the value of this proposed law that would allow bicyclist to treat stop signs as yield signs. No consensus was reached.

7) Public Concerns – Basel Baker said he was attempting to contact Sahuarita officials about the interrupted bike lane that used to run under I-19 north of Duval Mine Rd and connect to Via Santo Thomas.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be April 1, 2009, 3 PM, in the GVCCC conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe