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### Meeting Minutes – Jan 6, 2010

Attendance: John Pilger (JP), Tony Crosby, Jim Jordan, Sgt Scott Morgan (PCSD), Chuck Hill, Bill Adamson, Matt Zoll (PCDOT), Mary Reynolds (Sahuarita Community Communications Coordinator), Hank Deutsch, Al Miller, Len Wilson, Tony Morley

- 1) JP called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.
- 2) The minutes of the Dec 2, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 3) Sherriff Department: Sgt Scott said that Lt Rosenthal was interested in publicizing the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers Bike Patrol in bicycle oriented publications. Some suggestions offered were the GABA newsletter, Tailwinds, and LAB publications. JP will supply Sgt Scott with suggestions. Tony Crosby brought up the subject cyclists riding the wrong way. Matt Zoll pointed out that wrong way riding was a principle cause of accidents in metro Tucson. Al Miller mentioned that construction, mainly at Continental and I-19, necessitated cyclists 'taking the lane' for safety. Matt said that signage could be better but Bike Lane Ends signs seem to be the norm whereas Share the Road might be more informative.
- 4) Status of Projects and Advocacies:
  - a) TPCBAC & Enforcement – Tony said that the December meeting was well covered by a report in the GABA newsletter. Tony has furnished Matt with a list of approximately 50 miles of streets in the Green Valley/ Sahuarita area that have paved shoulders and could benefit from directional bicycle markings. He will maintain contact with Matt on this project.
  - b) Town of Sahuarita – Mary Reynolds reported that there will be room for a bike lane at La Villita. On another issue she handed out a call for volunteers to beat back buffelgrass on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. Replying to an earlier request from Mary for information on a bike ride some town employees could join, Al said he had the name and phone number of a POC with the Saturday social ride that meets in Green Valley.
  - c) Quail Creek – Al said he had shown Ron Darr, a Robson spokesman in Quail Creek, the local bicycle map and that Ron was interested in having Quail Creek added to the next edition. Use of the front gate is allowed but entry through the unmanned back gate appears prohibited. A brief discussion of access gates that would permit bicycles but not motor vehicles followed with Matt pointing out Canyon Ranch as a good example of how to regulate access. Al will explore options. Hank Deutsch mentioned the Senior Games to be held using Quail Creek facilities and that he understands 9 and 16 mile routes will

be offered.

- d) GVCCC T & A Meeting – Jim said work on the I-19 Border Patrol Check Point has begun.
- e) Continental Projects– Estimated start on the Continental Enhancement Project has been slipped until May. Jim also said there is no firm date on when ADOT will begin their portion of Continental near I-19.
- f) De Anza Trail – Bill Adamson stated a coordinator is still needed.
- g) RTA, RTP, PAG Bike Plan, and TIP – Bill said the Bike/Ped Working Group has reached a consensus on the RTA list. Projects of local interest include shoulders for the Abrego missing gap, Hughes Access/Alvernon, and La Villita and repaved sidewalks on Camino del Sol. Matt added that new pavement is likely for Mission Rd. from Drexel south to Pima Mine Rd.
- h) West Desert Preserve – The MOU between Freeport-McMoRan and Pima County is still being evaluated. Bill said that GVCCC will act as advocate to insure that the proposed water pumps are friendly to residents.

5) Publicity/Education/Website:

- a) Ride of Silence – Chuck reported that the ride will include Desert Bell and pass a temporary ‘Ghost Bike’. He will be contacting Lt Rosenthal to confirm that the Sherriff will support the ride.
- b) Brad Gorman Trail Head – Tony read from a letter from PCDOT which states that the planned trail head site on the Catalina Highway is not under consideration and that other sites are being evaluated. In response to Tony’s comment that a toilet would be nice, Matt said that a toilet on a facility would cost in the \$85-100 K range and the vast majority of trailheads are without facilities.

- 6) Other: Chuck said Royce Hill is interested in joining the committee. Hank talked about an informal ‘Green Valley style’ triathlon he has been involved with.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next meeting will be Feb 3, 2010, 3 PM, in the GVCCC conference room.

Tony Crosby, Scribe