

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

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Traffic and Safety Committee Members:

Rick Robbins-Chairman
Reed Nielsen-Vice Chair
Roscoe Orton
Stephen Smith
Lyle Wakefield
Virginia Pratt
Blake Garner
Patrick Bjornn

Bruce Sutherland-City Council Liaison
John Millar – Staff Liaison/Public Works
Randy Lewis- Staff Liaison/Police Captain
Doug Barker-University Security Liaison
Dee Dee Tucker- City Staff/minutes

Those that were present: Reed Nielsen, Stephen Smith, Blake Garner, Randy Lewis, John Millar, Virginia Pratt, Dee Dee Tucker

Reed Nielsen opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Not enough members present to form a quorum.

Review and Approval of the October 4, 2011 Minutes:

Minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present.

Unfinished / Old Business:

No old or unfinished business to discuss.

New Business:

a. Presentation of *Bike Rights for Rexburg* By George Simons

Please see presentation below from George Simons. Discussion was held after the presentation to offer tips and plan building suggestions for the program and the group asked George Simons to make suggested changes and present a full business plan to the board next spring before presenting to council. Suggested George Simons visit with the Trails of Madison County and the Public Works Department to compile data for presentation.

b. Possibility of a round a bout at the S. 2nd W. and W. 7th S.

Blake Garner suggested that there be a traffic study preformed on the intersection to verify the feasibility of the different traffic options. *Reed Nielsen* mentioned that the intersection is only conjested during peak times of the day. *John Millar* said that the Ivy is not at full capacity at this time and there is not enough land available to install a round about due to the Ivy building so close to the property line. The long term goal for the intersection is a traffic signal. *Reed Nielsen* suggested the issue be revisited in March or April of 2012.

2. **Open discussion of relevant issues:**

No relevant issues

3. **Report on Projects:**

John Millar reported that all projects are running smoothly. Main Street turn signals will be installed as they arrive mid-January.

4. **Report from Committee Members concerning Safety Issues**

Stephen Smith is concerned about the signs leaving the high school. Currently there are no signs to direct traffic. *John Millar* said that he would look into the situation and get signs in where needed.

Blake Garner has noticed the pedestrian travel on the corner of Main Street where the new Medicine Shop is being built. *John Millar* said that the construction company brought in gravel last week and leveled it to an area where people can walk.

5. **Adjournment**

Blake Garner motioned to not have a January meeting Stephen Smith second and all members are in favor.

Presentation information by George Simons

Please forward this to the transportation committee council members

Dear Councilmembers:

My name is George Simons. I am with the group *Bike Rights for Rexburg*. We're a group of people advocating bicycle transportation here in Rexburg. We desire to help the City of Rexburg promote low-impact and efficient transportation throughout the town. To do so we want to volunteer our services to: 1) increase the number and quality of bike lanes in the city; 2) create abike share program , and; 3) affect BYU-Idaho campus' bike policy in a positive manner. We believe that in doing so we will help make a more safe and peaceful environment in Rexburg.

Our ideal vision is to help create a "bicycle share program", similar to the ones operating in many other US cities and in Europe. This will facilitate safe student transportation, increase commerce around town, and decrease congestion and accidents around town. New York City DOT will launch its bike share program in 2012, a testament to the importance of bike sharing programs. Rexburg is an ideal size and density for such a program, and we will rely on locks and trust to guard against theft. This will be an excellent opportunity to build support with your fellow students.

I'll probably have presented by the time you read this email. Attached is a link to my presentation and other useful resources.

Please call me at 253.886.3878 to discuss this in more detail, or email me at the same address. I'll be happy to answer any question or implement suggestions.

Love,
George Simons

Presentation

<http://prezi.com/rl7rwhwdjfrh/bike-share-program-for-rexburg-ride-the-revolution/>

Bike Rights for Rexburg

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/123754041047744/>

DC Smart Bike

<http://money.usnews.com/money/business-economy/articles/2008/06/05/smartbike-dc-tries-to-catch-a-green-wave>

NYC Bike Share

<http://a841-tfpweb.nyc.gov/bikeshare/>

http://gothamist.com/2011/09/14/departement_of_transportation_picks.php#photo-2

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/transportation/td_bike_share.shtml

Wikipedia Bicycle Sharing system

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bicycle_sharing_system#United_States_programs