

Minutes
TCBA Advocacy Committee
January 10, 2018 Meeting
League of Michigan Bicyclists
410 S. Cedar St. Suite A, Lansing, MI
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Attending: Tim Potter, Dean Brailey, Lenny Provencher, Mike Unsworth, Dan Stockwell, Art Slabosky, Jeanne Wright, Mike Dombrowski, Steve Leiby, Phil Wells, Tom Hardenbergh, Kevin Schumaker

Guests: John Lindenmayer, Bob Pena

- I. Call to Order at 6:30
- II. Approval of Agenda--done
- III. Urgent Business:
 - A. Go Green Trikes (<http://www.gogreentrikes.com>) relocation (Bob Pena):
 1. This innovative business has to relocate from its current location at the Lansing Bike Co-op on Kalamazoo Street in Lansing.
 2. The City of Lansing says it must be placed in an industrially zoned area; it doesn't want GGT operated out of a residence.
 3. GGT Owner Yvonne LeFave and Bob are working on getting a variance from the City. They need allies.
 4. TCBA will draft a letter of support which will be posted on the list serve and our social media sites plus an "all TCBA" e-mail blast.
 - B. Screening of *Middle Age Men In Lycra* (MAMIL) We are an official sponsor. See our Facebook posting:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1967356500186617/>
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Ride of Silence—Mike is in the process of sending out a call for volunteers for the directorship and the planning committee.
 - B. Bike Safety Campaign
 1. Michigan Legislature:
 - a. Drivers' Education—It appears that it is being viewed favorably by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (HTIC). If passed, one hour in the curriculum would be devoted for vulnerable users. LMB will probably be working with the Secretary of State's Office on the content.
 - b. Safe Passing:
 - i. The HTIC special task force is still struggling with how precise (or imprecise) proposed language should be. Much

attention has been devoted to the impact of autonomous vehicles. There's no timetable on when the Committee will vote on it.

- ii. The Senate Transportation Committee has favorably voted on its version and sent it to the full Senate. There's no timetable on when the Senate will vote on it.
 - iii. LMB encourages local communities to continue to pass local ordinances to show legislators that there is popular support for such laws.
 - iv. Tom Hardenbergh gave an excellent analysis of why safe cycling conditions are a social justice issue: for some people cycling is the only means of transportation.
 - v. Ford Motor Company is conducting research on connecting bicycles to the forthcoming "smart traffic" infrastructure.
2. "Billboards:"
- a. Phil passed around some "local" (profile of a killed cyclist) and People for Bikes "demographic/occupation" examples
 - b. Phil will contact People for Bikes for data on the impact of its efforts.
 - c. We will decide next month on which approach we will take.
- C. Services to Homeless—Mike talked with the Lansing City Rescue Mission (CRM):
1. According to the director, its clients' "biking season" is from March through November. He suggested that we provide our services during these months
 2. CRM holds a "Services Fair" every first Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. Mike and Tim will go to the Feb. 6 meeting to gauge interest
- D. Focus on MDOT:
1. "Superstreets:"
 - a. Statewide policy:
 - i. The League of Michigan Bicyclists will contact MDOT
 - ii. An interesting legal approach is that "Superstreets" may have an inherent liability/design defect for non-motorized transportation. Ken and Bryan Waldman will investigate it.
 - b. Business I-69 (Saginaw Street) Corridor in Meridian & Bath Townships:
 - i. MDOT Lansing Transportation Service Center Manager Will Thompson will meet with Mike, Tim, and Tom on Feb. 1.

- ii. Bath Township:
 - (a) The Township Planner and Parks director don't know why MDOT continues to refer to a "nonmotorized project" that will be incorporated into the BL-I69 plan.
 - (b) Dan Stockwell will get the issue on a future Township Board Meeting
 - (c) The Meadowbrook subdivision (accessed from the West by Marsh Road via Forestview Drive and from the East by Perry Road via Ashbrook Drive) may be an ally since this subdivision is being used as a bypass by non-resident drivers to avoid the Marsh Road/ BL-I69 intersection.
 - iii. Meridian Township—Tim is bringing up it at the Jan. 18 meeting of the Transportation Committee
- 2. Other Topics—We will also discuss the following at the Feb 1 meeting:
 - a. MDOT Officials at Bike Safety meetings
 - b. Road Safety Audits
 - c. Proposed "fix" for the Saginaw/Grand River split.
 - d. I-96 exit at Okemos Road
 - E. Bike Shorts Film Festival—Will take place on March 19 at the Urban Beat Event Center in Old Town.
 - F. Santa's Wish List—Tim will follow up as it gets closer to December
 - G. Quiet Water Symposium—Dan will straighten things out with Joel Wickham about presentations. At our table, we will be performing ABC bike checks
- V. New Business:
 - A. Kids Repair has adopted the Summer Place Townhouses (4901 South Waverly Road, Lansing) to serve the 140 kids living there.
 - B. Meridian Township's Complete Streets policy—When the Township's Non-Motorized Plan is renewed, there is a requirement the Township must collect data. It appears that the Township is not doing this. Tim will pursue this via the Township Transportation Committee.
- VI. Delta Township Developments (Jeanne)
 - A. At a recent Delta Township Board meeting, there was much discussion about the proposed new Mount Hope Park. It will have a 2 ½ mile trail.
 - B. There is a fear of that this park will suck up all township recreation money, leaving such situations as the bike-hostile narrow bridges over I-69 at Canal Road and St. Joseph Highway unaddressed.

C. Jeanne described her “dream” bike path which would connect neighborhoods to the new Mount Hope Park.

VII. Next Meeting: February 14 (Valentine’s Day)