

Velo Cruces
Minutes – July 28, 2016 at International Delights at 5:30

- I. Call to order at 5:30 PM
Present: Conway, Lakey, Pearson, Rochelle, Schurr, Willman, L. Wilson, and guest Rebecca Ritchins
Absent: Curry, D. Wilson
- II. Minutes – 23 June 2016 meeting MSC (Schurr, Wilson)
- III. Treasurer's Report – no report with D. Wilson absent. Balance from last month reported at \$242.67.
- IV. Events – coming up
 - a. City Council Meeting attendee volunteers
August – Tabled
 - b. LCI Training Border Servant Corp training Peace Lutheran – George and Tammy will lead Bike 123 for the volunteers on 27 August from 8:00 AM – Noon. Doug Hinson and Lisa Willman will also volunteer to help for this event. Any other volunteers, contact George or Tammy a week in advance.
 - c. September 1 Aggie Bike Expo – 4:00 – 6:00 PM Kenny Coppedge from the NMSU activity center contacted us and we will participate. We will have a Velo Cruces table and assist with mechanics, riding skills, etc.

In response to this discussion it was
MSC (Wilson, Schurr) to offer one year free membership to Velo Cruces for participants in this event; and
MSC (Wilson, Schurr) to host a table at the expo.
L. Wilson also volunteered to check out a banner for VC.

- d. September 23 and 24 Bike to Leasburg State Park (Lisa) – 2 spots are reserved, with capacity of 12 people. BYO everything (food, gear for overnight) – registration for the event to be held at 4:30 with departure from Pioneer Park at 5:00 PM. The Wilsons may drive to assist with any problems
- VI. Hub for Communication
- a. Candidate questionnaire – Donald - tabled
 - b. Web Presence-Velocruces.org Jean
 1. Add a “vulnerable spot/near misses” reporting section
 2. Add a “What is happening at City Council”
 3. Add link to City cycling ordinances (George) specifically with regard to zoning and parking
 4. All of the above were discussed, and added to the list would be links to Outdoor Adventures and vice versa
 - c. FACEBOOK George – we have 285 “likes” up 19 from July. George’s article on passing bikes, highlighted by one of our own police force, has been passed to several other groups

- d. Membership, develop survey to be sent to all contributors – Donald - tabled
- e. Student Membership – passed as per above motion.
- f. Banner order – Ashleigh – no report

VII. Reports and Cycling Advocacy

- a. Earn a Bike, Community Bike Shop – Gabriel reported that the project continues to broaden with interest from La Esperanza neighborhood association, Robert Nunez with the city parks and rec department. Rochelle and Leas Wilson have begun the task of searching foundations for support.
- b. Monthly Visibility Ride Report – Second Monday every month – George – four people participated in July
- c. Electric light parade – nice evening at George’s!
- d. July 19 BPAC meeting discussed the loop trail once again; a recommendation for multi-use was discussed.
- e. July 22 – Camino Real Organization proposal
- f. July 26 – US 70 St. Augustine Pass will have a protected bike lane with barriers; this is a 3.9 million dollar project and it is proposed for completion in 2017.
- g. Adventure Cycling will shortly be dispersing a check to Velo Cruces for the space rental.
- h. The next meeting of the Rio Grande Trail Commission will be held on the 22nd September, which led to the motion: MSC (Pearson, Rochelle) to re-schedule our September meeting to the 29th at 5:30 PM at ID.
- i. Tammy reported that her nephew Micah, who is on the Bernalillo Police Force, has been active in redesigning and teaching how the police investigate bike/car crashes. There was enthusiastic response from the board to this, with the hope that he and his team can be brought here to lead our force in this consideration.
- j. Contact the City of Las Cruces Road Runner Transit and ask about scheduling bike safety training for bus drivers – George

VIII. Announcements

- a. Tammy announced that she is giving the talk at the UU Church on the 24th on “Service is my prayer,” essentially talking about why she does what she does. All invited.

IX. Adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting for VELO CRUCES Is August 25

Remaining meeting dates for board, September 29, October 27, November 17 (third Thursday), December 15 (third Thursday)

Important Events and Dates

October 01 – Aggie Parade family bike ride – Jamey will have details on this for us later
 October 22 Tour de Las Cruces ZIA VELO ride
 November 5 Ride Right Ride Bright Community of Hope 9AM (Donald)