

**Committee Members:**  
Vacant – Chair  
Michael Chisek – Co Chair  
Donna Hinds  
Brian Cramer  
Kristine Coryell

**MINUTES**  
**ST. HELENA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**City Hall, Conference Room**  
**1480 Main Street**  
**Regular Meeting – Wednesday July 6, 2016**  
**5:00 pm**

**1. ROLL CALL @ time: 5:08**

**Present:** Michael Chisek, Kristine Coryell, Brian Cramer

**Absent:** Donna Hinds

**Staff:** Tobias Barr

**2. PUBLIC FORUM:**

➤ None

**3. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:**

➤ Tobias Barr provided an update on the Mitchell Drive Sidewalk, which has been completed, and the meeting with Pepper Tree residents regarding the Pope Street Bike Lanes Project

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. The Active Transportation Committee Minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Committee member Kristine Coryell moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Brian Cramer provided second. (3-0).

**5. SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

A. Elect Chair of Committee

➤ Michael Chisek to Chair motioned by Kristine Coryell, Brian Cramer provided second. (3-0)

B. Elect Vice Chair of Committee

➤ Brian Cramer for Vice Chair motion by Kristine Coryell, Michael Chisek provided second (3-0)

C. Committee member discussion about managing bicycle tourism lead by former ATC member Ric Henry

➤ Ric Henry led the discussion and informed the committee about his experience on a bicycle wine tour company. The company is based in Santa Rosa and does tours in Napa Valley. Mr. Henry participated as he was interested in evaluating if a bike tour company would be a good customer to target for visiting his winery. He explained that the tour met and started in Calistoga, where they traveled a few miles south on Hwy 29 stopping at wineries along the way. They stopped at four wineries total. Ric was surprised that the guides were drinking and were not coaching those participating in the tour about safety and bicycle etiquette. He was surprised at how drunk the group became and was concerned at the lack of planning or concerns of the guides. Ric expressed that he supports bike riding and bicycle tourism but this experience has opened up new concerns for him. He believe a program to promote etiquette and best practices necessary to keep bike tourism safe and practical for all.

- The committee commented that they agree and like the idea. Believe working with Vine Trail folks on such a program would be important in keeping the influence regional, not just St. Helena. The Chair suggested the licensing of bicycle tourism companies could be one way the City could regulate these companies to make sure they are being safe and following the law. The Chair suggested the Ric provide some draft etiquette and best practices to the ATC in the next few meetings. Ric agreed to do so.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Ellsworth made a public comment stating he shares similar concerns about bicycle tourism and support a program to develop best practices.

D. Committee member discussion about bicycle improvements for Oak Avenue

- Ric Henry also let this discussion. He shared his concerns for bicycle safety of students traveling from the middle school down Oak Street. He provided a map showing bicycle counts which he took some time ago. He expressed his concern over the amount of traffic coming off Spring Mountain road and Main Street at the same time of day when school was out at the middle school. Because Oak Street is identified as a bicycle boulevard in the Bicycle Master Plan, Ric thought that the City needs to study what can be done to make Oak Street safer for bicycles. Ric shared some ideas on making Oak Street a one-way, one lane street and converting the other traffic lane into a bike lane. Ric felt this would preserve parking and reduce traffic on Oak Street while providing bike lanes to cyclists. The Committee ask Tobias if the City had studied this concept.
- Tobias informed the committee that currently there are no studies but it has been a goal of to perform a parking study. Its possible traffic on Oak could be studied in the future as well. Staff considered programing a parking study in the 16/17 FY however currently the City doesn't have the budget to perform the study. The Committee would like it if the City could perform a study and wanted to discuss more in a future agenda item.

**Public Comment: None**

6. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF:**

- None

7. **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

- None

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:54 PM.