14-0679 Bicycle Friendly Community- Monty Andrews

Monty Andrews, Bike/Walk Venice committee representative, distributed the Florida Pedestrian Law Enforcement guide and an article from the League of American Bicyclist magazine, commented on the city's desire to achieve gold status, asked the board to assist the committee in determining project priority to go before council, and provided information on events to include the bike rodeo with the police department, and educational classes.

Discussion followed on the criteria to reach gold level, ordinances in place requiring buildings to have showers for workers who ride their bikes to work, priorities to get to the next level, law enforcement, the need to educate cyclists, and the possibility of bicycle officers issuing courtesy citations.

Mr. Andrews displayed a photo of the recommended bicycle rack, and explained the committee would like to use the rack as a bike statement under bicycle friendly signs.

Discussion ensued regarding locations and number of racks to be installed, educational access points, quadratic residue (QR) code scanning options, material of the rack, the collaborative effort for a clear understanding on patrol citations, and proactivity.

Mr. Veneziano commented on maintenance responsibility, and the process of review for placement of signage in right-of-ways.

Audience Participation

Emilio Carlesimo, councilmember, expressed support of the concept, requested consideration of the sign ordinance review regarding tubular displays not enhancing the city's appearance, and opined the display had a cluttered appearance with two signs already present.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the board supports the placement of a bicycle friendly symbol at the requested location. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.