



Wider Bikes, Dark Skies Debated at November City Council Meeting

These are two key issues of interest to Sanibel residents:

Wider Bike Ordinance

A tentative decision was made at the November 3rd City Council meeting not to increase the width of bicycles allowed on the Shared Use Paths. The ordinance before council would have raised the maximum width of bicycles allowed on the paths from 36 inches to 47 inches to include the wider surreys currently rented by Billy's Bikes and Finnimore's Cycle Shop.



Surrey

Vice Mayor Mick Denham recommended grandfathering in the existing surreys. City staff was directed to return with a grandfathering proposal for 15 years and set a limit on the number of surreys.

"COTI is opposed to general increase in width," **COTI Traffic Chairman and avid cyclist Mike Miller** told council. "The paths are too well used and there is too much traffic on them. We recommend retaining the width at 36 inches, but also agree with the need to protect the bike rental business. We support the grandfathering of existing surreys."

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Dark Skies Education

City Council also unanimously voted to send the education program for Dark Skies back to staff for further suggestions, following a recommended bid of \$149,000 by Gravina, Smith, Matte and Arnold. The city received three bids and the selection committee recommended accepting GSMA's bid, which did not include costs associated with distributing a finished product. Other bids were from HD PR Group for \$52,000 and Paradise Advertising and Design for \$60,000.



"This is an elaborate proposal, but we need to find a way to provide education," **COTI President David Bath** told council. "There have been some changes in the ordinance that we wrestled with and somehow or other we need this education."

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