

Minutes from BPAC Quarterly Meeting Nov. 18, 2011

Introduction Notes:

John May was introduced as a new committee member. He will be representing the interests of those with disabilities. You can learn more about John from this Tulsa People Article:

<http://www.tulsapeople.com/Tulsa-People/October-2011/Soapbox-Making-connections/>

It was also announced that Dan Cameron has resigned from the committee to focus on opening Cam's Grocery. That brings the total committee number to 17 members.

City Council Public Works Committee Report

BPAC is on the agenda for November 29th City Council Public Works Committee meeting at 8am. The meeting can be seen on TGOV COX Channel 24 or online at TGOVonline.org. Chair Stephen Lassiter, Co-Chair Matt Liechti, and James Wagner from INCOG will present a report to the council at this meeting. They will thank the council for its part in forming the BPAC, let the council know the BPAC is up and running and ask the council if they have any questions. Because only two members of the current council will remain in office, BPAC will also meet with the newly elected City Council early next year to ascertain needs and deadlines.

BPAC Online Collaboration Tool - Presently Network

An online collaboration tool for BPAC was introduced. It's a free account on Presently.com that works as a private social network allowing committee members to share ideas and links the same way you would on Twitter or Facebook. Members of the committee were sent invitations on Nov. 17 to join the network. The Tulsa BPAC Presently social network can be accessed at <http://tulsabpac.presently.com>. Some members who received invites said the links to activate their account did not work.

Meeting Schedule

The full committee will now meet monthly at least until goals are defined. The next three monthly committee meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday Dec. 6, 6-8 PM, Plaza Room, Downtown Central Library

Tuesday Jan. 10 - 6-8 PM, location TBD

Tuesday Feb. 7 - 6-8 PM, location TBD

The subcommittees can still meet in between full committee meetings if they desire.

Consensus Building Approach (CBA) Adoption

A quick overview of CBA was presented. However, since there was not a quorum (51% attendance), no attempt was made to officially adopt CBA as the committee's decision-making process. Only 8 committee members were in attendance. Since there are

currently 17 committee members, there needed to be 9 members in attendance to make official committee decisions.

Adoption of CBA will be moved to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

CBA Ground Rules

Several ground rules from the CBA proposal were highlighted. These ground rules will be in play during meetings.

- Only one person speaks at a time
- Avoid grandstanding
- No personal attacks (focus on ideas, not people)
- Stay on track with the agenda
- No Surprises Rule (Voice objections and concerns early in process. Don't wait until very end)

Go slow to go fast

The concept of going slow to go fast was explained. Going slow to go fast means taking time to consider everyone's interests, to cover all our bases, so implementation of our goals will be much more likely. If we rush and neglect a stakeholder's interests, there might be opposition that could prevent our goals from being implemented, which would make all our efforts go to waste.

Facilitated Idea Exercise

The Chair facilitated an idea generation exercise. The following questions were asked, and everyone was given the opportunity to speak for a minute or so to answer the questions. Ideas were captured on a flip chart, pictures of which are attached to this email.

What do you want to change about biking/walking in Tulsa?

Describe ideal biking/walking utopia you hope to see someday in Tulsa

The following were ideas and concepts that came out of the round-table discussion:

- New crosswalk technology mentioned - Vibro-Tactal - replaces existing pushbutton with button that gives touch and sound feedback. Costs are approximately \$400 per device
- More trails
- Complete Streets
- Separation of bikes from traffic
- Bike highways
- Road diet - reducing lanes + adding a turn lane to give space to add multimodal (bike/walk) paths
- Give quantitative data to prioritize effective solutions (studies, numbers, etc.)
- "Supersidewalks" wider sidewalks are in use in some areas of Bixby
- Look for opportunities to add trails, like along I-44 reconstruction.
- Alerting community as to the locations and routes of bicycle trails
- Change attitudes. Education of public and enforcement.

- Common sense laws - aka. Idaho Stop law that allows cyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs.
- Education of cyclists. Education of motorists. Acceptance of cyclists as fellow vehicular traffic
- Help cyclists to become more comfortable on the roads, whether through training or road modifications.
- Choose battles when looking for areas of potential road diets.
- Change attitudes regarding allowing pedestrians/cyclists to safely travel
- Improving tolerance
- More sidewalks
- Pay attention to other cities incorporation of cyclists/pedestrians into the transportation system.
- Use currently available educational materials (ODOT brochure)
- Promote motorists yielding to pedestrians
- Safe crossings esp. downtown, pedestrians need to be highest priority in certain areas
- Bring in other COGs (Council of Governments) and areas of the state to have uniformity of laws.