

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2013
Brookside Library, 1207 E. 45th Place, Tulsa, OK 74105

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1. Roll Call
 - a. Members: Shannon Compton, Gary Parker, Nathan Leigh, Jane Ziegler, JD Walker, Stephen Lassiter, Mike Wozniak
 - b. Institutional Reps: Matt Liechti (COT Engineering), James Wagner (INCOG), Ann Domin (INCOG), Officer Craig Murray (TPD), Officer Keith Fallis (TPD), Assistant Chief Mike Carter (SSPD), Joani Dotson (THD), Gary Percefull (TPS), Jennie Howard (Indian Healthcare), Doug Stewart (OU Physicians)
 - c. Non-members: Larry Mitchell
2. Select meeting minutes recorder – Shannon Compton
3. Approve October meeting minutes – approved by consensus
4. Presentation from TPD on recent vehicle-pedestrian collisions
 - a. Presentation by Officer Keith Fallis
 - b. Always illegal to hit a pedestrian with a vehicle unless you're trying to save your own life
 - c. Pedestrians – supposed to flow with traffic, cross at intersection or crosswalk
 - d. If there's a signalized control, the pedestrian needs to cross the roadway with the signal unless there's a pedestrian signal
 - e. If there's a pedestrian close enough to cross the street at a crosswalk, vehicle is supposed to stop
 - f. Cities like Boston have more stringent laws regarding pedestrian safety because walking is a more frequent form of transportation there and we don't have the same need for stringent laws here
 - g. Pedestrian must cross in a marked crosswalk or at a corner (otherwise jaywalking)
 - h. If a pedestrian is jaywalking is it still unlawful to hit them? No. If the pedestrian is at fault then this law is not applicable.
 - i. All cases go to DA; they make the decision if they will file charges or not
 - j. "Fault" is determined by insurance companies; not something that police determine – they issue citations or don't; often will cite people for leaving

- scene rather than hitting pedestrians
- k. What's involved in police investigation – depends on injuries of pedestrian on how detailed investigation is going to be – if ped is knocked to ground and not injured/taken in ambulance then investigation is done on Oklahoma Collisional Report Form with witnesses if there are any; if more serious injury or fatality then more detailed investigation – roadway is shut down, witnesses are interviewed, measurements are taken
 - i. (More serious injury) - After officer does scene investigation they will do a make-up of diagram of scene and detailed report
 - ii. Collect evidence at scene – car parts, photographs, imprinting – when pedestrian hits paint of car they can actually imprint clothing on car and police might remove part of car and use as evidence
 - iii. Fatality team – 3-4 officers and supervisor will come out and do detailed report
 - iv. Report describes driver's actions, pedestrian's actions, etc.
 - l. Difference between penalty for leaving scene of accident and DUI penalty
 - i. Vehicular homicide – what they will be tried for; prosecutor will file charges; if no alcohol is involved and they leave scene it's probably 10 years or less, if alcohol is involved it's probably 20 years or more
 - ii. They have 2 hours on an arrest to do an alcohol test
 - iii. Witness testimony is an important part of this
 - iv. Good idea to make penalty for leaving scene of accident higher than DUI charge penalty
 - v. Educating legislature
 - m. Education is key to solving this whole problem
 - n. As a driver, if there's a chance the ped will die, you have to submit to a blood test anyway to determine if you were intoxicated
 - o. In a case where someone is seriously injured, not going to file citation because of double jeopardy issue – don't want them to just pay ticket and plead guilty to lesser charge and then not able to charge them with more serious issues
 - p. "I didn't see him" is not a get out of jail free card – DA can still choose to file a charge like inattentive driving
 - q. Walking in the roadway when sidewalks are provided is a citable charge for pedestrians
 - r. Cell phone records must be subpoenaed – sometimes cell phone will be taken as evidence and they'll get a search warrant for it to see if driver was using cell phone at time of collision
 - s. 558 fatalities (any type of car-related) state-wide so far this year; down 35 from last year
 - t. 30 fatalities (any type of car-related) in Tulsa in mid-October; 34 a year ago
 - u. 8 pedestrian fatalities in Tulsa so far this year
 - v. 0 cyclist fatalities in Tulsa so far this year
 - w. From a public policy point of view, what can BPAC do to help with this issue without discouraging bike and ped activity

- i. Allowing people to leave bars drunk, whether driving or walking makes these things more common – have more teeth in law
 - ii. Education – both peds and drivers
 - iii. Issuing citations is not really a discouragement for drivers of cars – just education
 - iv. Ask for infrastructure – appropriate infrastructure to give people safe options – do this first then review ordinances
- 5. BPAC news updates
 - a. Report on Walk to School Day events – 590 children at Boevers Elementary on October 24; not much media coverage; Sequoyah had hundreds of children participate as well; Lee Elementary had some media coverage; maybe have something ready to go early in the school year next year so schools can jump on board and organize early; put some resources online about walking school buses and SRTS; Transportation Department at TPS can plot out walking school bus routes because they have access to info to geocode where kids live – same thing that is used to plot school bus routes
 - b. Report on progress of Bike/Ped Master Plan Steering Committee
 - i. Initial meeting was to select consultant who will actually undertake planning process
 - ii. Group with most votes – Crafton Tull & Toole Design Group – they've been chosen to negotiate with – INCOG staff will negotiate with the organizations on scope of work and fee; if they reach impasse then they would pull steering committee back together and ask who they want to go with instead – unlikely to happen that way though
 - iii. Goal is start in January – public meetings will start in the spring
 - iv. Tell friends, family, coworkers, etc. to attend public meetings
 - v. They have a web tool where you can log on and mark on a map where you have problems as a pedestrian or cyclist
 - c. Report on status of Green Lane Project application
 - i. We reached a consensus that CoT should apply for Green Lane application at a previous meeting
 - ii. Looked at this a year ago and didn't seem like it was the best use of the city's money at that time
 - iii. GLP application – build at least one high visibility protected bike lane by 2015 and identify locations for 4 more by 2015; travel must be paid for by CoT
 - iv. Because we don't have identified locations for these projects at this time, recommendation is to hold off on applying for one more year until we have Bike/Ped master plan in place to get public input before identifying locations
 - v. Letter of intent sent by November 15 – doesn't commit us to apply in January but keeps us in the running for application
 - vi. Question of whether or not it would be helpful to apply before Bike/Ped master planning process because winning the grant

would give us technical support during planning process

6. Consensus approval of press release stating support for Improve Our Tulsa
 - a. Put on BPAC letter head
 - b. Send out first thing in the morning
 - c. Contact information for Shannon in case they have questions
 - d. News desks met at 9 am
 - e. Joani has a comprehensive media contact list
 - f. Approved by consensus – Matt Liechti abstains
7. Discussion and possible consensus vote on “bylaws” amendments – no time to talk about this so postpone to December meeting
8. Consensus vote to move date of January meeting
 - a. Talk to library about moving it to January 9th
9. New business
 - a. Nominations for elected positions –
 - i. Chair – Jane Ziegler
 - ii. Vice-Chair – Joani Dotson, Stephen Lassiter – one potential role of VC is to keep institutional people here
 - iii. Secretary – Nathan Leigh, Shannon Compton, Mike Schooling
 - b. Speed limits on Riverparks – subject came up in a program meeting at Tulsa Community Foundation this week; potential to post speed limits; talk is just now starting on this topic
 - c. The Historical Neighborhood Bike Tour was a success – 85 attendees!