



## Meeting Minutes

*December 4, 2014, 6:00 PM*

*Brookside Library, 1207E 45<sup>th</sup> Pl., Tulsa, OK*

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY***

### **1. Roll Call**

Quorum present

**Members:** Jane Ziegler, Jonathan Harris, Joani Dotson, Stephen Lassiter, Mike Wozniak, J.D. Walker, Nathan Leigh, Lauren Wagner

**Institutional Advisors:** Matt Liechti, Gary Percefull, Ann Domin, Stephen Carr, Mike Carter

**Guests:** Jennifer Haddaway, Jessica Scott, Andy Wheeler

### **2. Approve October minutes**

Approved by consensus.

### **3. Vote New Member**

New member, Jonathan Harris, voting member.

### **4. Sidewalks on Riverside**

Public meeting was held week prior and citizens expressed wanting the sidewalk. More people showed at the meeting than the Fire Marshall could allow to enter at one time. Some citizens not from the neighborhood opposed the sidewalks based on safety reasons. Mayor expressed that they may wait to figure out the sidewalk until after the Gathering Place is built.

A petition is circulating among advocacy groups and BPAC needs to decide if we wish to sign and support it. There are several other locations for safe pedestrian access to the Gathering Place planned. BPAC voted on the decision to be in favor of signing the petition – approved by consensus (all City of Tulsa and INCOG staff abstained from voting).

A letter was drafted as a 'letter to the editor' of the Tulsa World in support of the Riverside sidewalk. The committee reviewed it and suggested changing the tone to one of encouragement of the discussion of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure among our citizens and city leaders, and to promote the GO Plan in the letter. Jane agreed to send the letter out to the committee for edits and feedback for one week.

Next week, Councilor Ewing is hosting a Dive Bar Town Hall, and Nathan will represent BPAC at the public meeting. Members encouraged discussion at the meeting to be about school connectivity, the GO Plan, and the positive discussion around sidewalks.

## **5. Bike/Ped Detour – City of Tulsa Engineering Department**

Nathan found that the temporary fencing around the construction of the Gathering Place is limiting access to trails. He submitted a request to the Mayor's Action Line. There is an existing bike route through the neighborhoods that could be taken when 31<sup>st</sup> street closes in January, but it would need to be a marked detour. George Kaiser Family Foundation agreed, and the City and developer are collaborating on the development of signage.

## **6. INCOG Updates**

### **GO Plan**

A steering committee retreat recently took place where members sat in group together, specific to their municipality or area, and reviewed the maps of the plan to provide feedback on priorities and policy. Consultant are continuing to work on it and will be requesting additional input from BPAC soon. A draft plan is scheduled for end of January. Projects will be prioritized per jurisdiction, except for the City of Tulsa, which needs additional analytical information.

### **Bike Share**

Jennifer is coordinating the business plan at INCOG and the kick off occurred in November. They are contracting with Alta Planning. Jennifer gave a presentation of the elements of Bike Share.

Discussion continued about the success of the St. Francis owned Tulsa Townies, which are more recreational in nature. This new bike share would need to be more unique in payment methodologies across various socioeconomic levels. Memberships, station locations and revenues are all going to be strategized in coming months. There are talks about zoning trade-offs with developers to consider additional bike parking.

The business plan will be ready for public comment in April, and GKFF has offered Guthrie Green as the demonstration location. BPAC will be present at the event. There was also discussion of considering Chery Street in the demonstration, with consideration of its proposed changes in the Fix Our Streets program.

## **7. 2015 Chairs**

Jane is stepping down as chair. Nathan Leigh accepted a nomination for the chair position and vowed to hold it for one year. No other nominations were made. Nathan was voted by consensus as the 2015 BPAC Chair.

Jane Ziegler was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Jane was voted by consensus as the 2015 BPAC Vice-Chair.

Joani Dotson was nominated for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Joani was voted by consensus as the 2015 BPAC Secretary.

## **8. Enforcement Subcommittee**

Group has not met and Mike Schooling is being kept on the subcommittee. The Tulsa Police Department officers are interested in more activity this year.

Chief Carter announced that JD Nolan is sponsoring legislation for safe passing laws to be more common sense, and it includes the Idaho stop law. There will be CLEET Training statewide for law enforcement, beginning locally.

## **9. Advocacy Subcommittee**

Nothing to report.

## **10. Encouragement Subcommittee**

Bike to Festival project is underway, and the subcommittee is working with INCOG to develop maps of events that could be made available online for bicyclists traveling to a festival and needing a place to park. Discussion continued around several festivals in town, and other partners that have or could assist.

The subcommittee is recruiting helpers.

## **9. Announcement / New Business**

TU received an 'Honorable Mention' from the League of American Bicyclists. They gave suggestions for improvement to include a bike program that considers all 5-Es. Lauren was given permission to make 10% of her job for bike/pedestrian planning and a small budget.

The Tulsa Health Department is preparing the next Community Health Needs Assessment, and several questions about bicycle and pedestrian behaviors will be asked of Tulsa county residents.

The City of Edmond has posted signs for bike rights and passing on streets. Sand Springs is pushing for the same with their engineers.

J.D. rode a bike trail on an old velo track in France and relayed the experience.

Jane researched the two new Tulsa city councilors and will be setting up meetings to meet with them in December.

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