

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2013
Brookside Library, 1207 E. 45th Place, Tulsa, OK 74105

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Attendees: Shannon Compton, Joani Dotson, J.D. Walker, Stephen Lassiter, Craig Murray, Ann Domin, Gary Parker, Larry Mitchell, Bruce Dart, Mike Wozniak

Guests: J.D. Smith, Mike Mitchell, Zach Hilburn, Jonathan Harris, Paul Tay, James Wagner

- 1) Meeting began at 6:09pm, no quorum is present. **Quorum achieved at 6:25pm.**
- 2) Minutes from June 4, 2013 meeting. No corrections submitted from attendees. Minutes approved at 6:25pm when Mike Wozniak arrived. Quorum was achieved.
- 3) News & Announcements:
 - a. KTUL story about cyclist being run off the road on the Wednesday Night Ride. Mike Carter will provide more information.
 - b. Mike Wozniak – working with Kasey on Open Streets. Starting at 11th & Elgin to Boulder Ave. (closed section) and Boulder Avenue to Riverside (shared bikeway section).
- 4) BPAC Proposed Ordinances – BPAC members met with the city prosecutor, Bob Garner. Mr. Garner expressed disagreement with some of the ordinances related to riding in the center of the lane. Members of the committee believed that the ordinances were going ahead. Two ordinances were passed: one related to bike parking, one related to 3 foot passing law to align city ordinance with state law.

Another ordinance conflicts with state law according to Mr. Garner. This ordinance clarifies that if a lane is too narrow to be shared a cyclist can take the entire lane. BPAC believes that this ordinance is consistent with state law. Several other ordinances are not consistent with state law, however Mr. Garner had reasons for not agreeing with the “impeding” ordinance because he wanted police officers to be able to stop bicyclists who were “impeding” in his opinion.

Mr. Garner was asked at a council meeting today to come up with language in 4 weeks that would help achieve the clarity on what a bicycle can do legally in terms of lane positioning.

BPAC will try again in the future to push for the “bicycles will have all rights” language.

Discussion on how to move forward. Consensus to wait until a future time to push for the additional ordinance changes.

- 5) Tulsa CIP Process - \$4.2 million has been allocated to Bike/Ped Master Plan implementation. Council will vote on the final draft of the plan on August 22.

Two meetings have been held. Three more forums coming up. One person has been speaking on BPAC in each meeting. There was some discussion on the Tulsa World article on July 31 on the comments of Brian Potter. Some members felt that the TW did not do a good job covering both sides of the story.

- 6) National Walk to School Day – Ann Domin – the committee has not met yet. Ann has talked with Gary Percefull, who is interested in participating in the planning. Craig Murray said Safe Kids partners with FedEx to do Walk to School Day.
- 7) New Business – J.D. Smith – President of Neighborhood Association in west Tulsa. Charles Page Neighborhood. Need a sidewalk on S. 49th West Ave (from 200 block to 700 block) for 5 blocks. There are 3 bus stops in the area. People have to walk in the mud to get to the bus stop. Many people in motorized wheelchairs. Need to get in touch with the ADA enforcement agency. Warehouse Market is located on the street.
- 8) Adjourned at 7:10pm

Upcoming BPAC Meetings

September 5 – Brookside Library

October 3 – Brookside Library

November 7 – Brookside Library