



# Bicycle/Pedestrian ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

*February 5, 2015, 6:00 PM*

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

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY***

### **1. Roll Call**

Quorum present

**Members:** Jane Ziegler, Jonathan Harris, Joani Dotson, J.D. Walker, Nathan Leigh, Larry Mitchell,

**Institutional Advisors:** Matt Liechti (City of Tulsa Eng & Planning), Ann Domin (INCOG), Keith Fallis (Law Enforcement- TPD)

**Guests:** Jennifer Haddaway, Jessica Scott, Stephen Place

### **2. Approve December minutes**

Approved by consensus.

### **3. Meeting times**

Per the library, should be out of the room by 7:45 PM.

### **4. Goals, objectives, tasks, & priorities**

Stephen Lassiter presented current goals in December of 2012 to Tulsa City Council. Nathan asked if the committee would like to continue to support these goals or if there are edits needed. Committee discussed timeline issues, especially related to Goal 5. Committee agreed that we need to come up with a way to measure goals/objectives first, and then discuss any amendments to the BPAC goals.

Nathan showed a spreadsheet of action items for a method to measure and keep track of progress. Ann Domin shared that the Enforcement Subcommittee has prepared something similar. Nathan suggested that everyone review the list of tasks and the recommendations from the Leagues of American Bicyclists, and in a month a meeting will be held to prioritize actions for this year

The League's recommendations can be found [HERE](#).

### **5. Meetings with City Councilors**

Jane Ziegler met with the two new City Councilors, Dodson and America. Both were in full support of the GO Plan and want bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in their districts.

## 6. INCOG Updates

### Radio Ad

James Wagner sent the scripts out for review, and Nathan had access to two of the ads that have been created. One ad, featuring the 'bug' will be aired on KVOO. The other ad will be played on KHITS. Committee was asked to provide feedback on the facts of the ads, not on the style or sound. There was one question about the bicycle, KHITS ad using superlative language. The information gathered is going back to INCOG.

### GO Plan

A timeline of all previous efforts was viewed. INCOG and consultant are working with City of Tulsa on their prioritization process for projects. The Transportation Policy Committee is reviewing the drafts. An updated map is available on the website. June is when the final should be ready. Steering committee next meets on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion occurred about if BPAC still has time to provide feedback. Those with questions were encouraged to speak with James.

### Bike Share

A full draft proposal will be ready in March. The final will be complete in April. May 6<sup>th</sup> will be a demo day, kick-off event.

## 7. Bike to Work Week

May 11-15, 2015. Jennifer Haddaway is meeting with different groups to organize a commuter train. TYPros' Crews are possibly interested. Focusing on gathering volunteers to assist with a commuter training into downtown Tulsa; and, a corporate challenge with local businesses. There will a kickoff event on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be Mother's Day; looking to get the Tulsa Tough Divas group involved. Commuter trains would run throughout the week, but volunteers would be needed that Monday for both AM and PM. Wednesday there will be food involved, possibly in partnership with TYPros. Friday, a celebration will take place, possibly at Soundpony. Blake Ewing is interested in being involved this year, and a local champion will be recruited too, possibly a newscaster. Jennifer is having a meeting at the end of February to plan everything out. Approximately 5-10 volunteers are needed.

J.D. Walker mentioned that Nuride app is great a tracking cyclist miles, with coupon incentives. Currently, Jennifer is looking to Strava as the tracking app. Discussion occurred about how maps can be developed to show comfort levels. Link to article with example of 'Level of Comfort' is [HERE](#).

## 8. Street CReD

Street CReD will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> for the 61<sup>st</sup> & S. Peoria area.

## 9. Communications and data

A BPAC Dropbox will be created for sharing files, including the membership list. Updates to the website need to go to INCOG. Nathan will be asking INCOG if there's a way for BPAC to log into the site and change things on BPAC's page. Committee will maintain the Mail Chimp account. Bylaws will be reformatted into a legal document by Nathan. Link to the read-only Dropbox folder [HERE](#).

Committee discussed social media options and purposes for BPAC. It was agreed that a Facebook page and Twitter account would be beneficial for spreading bike/ped news. An assigned individual will be discussed at the April meeting. The committee also discussed the options for a discussion forum for BPAC members internally. No decisions were made yet.

Discussion of the use of smart language, similar to other cities/states. Link to smart language from Seattle, WA is [HERE](#).

## 10. Three Open Positions

A suburban representative position and two pedestrian/accessibility positions are open. A female visitor (did not sign in) was asked if interested. She stated that she was mostly there because her son and her bikes were stolen and she wanted to get the word out.

## 11. House Bill 1761

"A bicyclist shall wear at least one item of reflective outerwear apparel, such as a reflective vest or jacket when operating a bicycle on the highways of this state." Authored by Representative Enns, District 41 (South OKC). Committee discussed issues at hand with the bill, including mandates on safety gear, definition of highway, enforcement issues and helmet laws.

## 12. OKC Ordinances

OKC has an ordinance that is about to go before city council that would be better served by a split lane ordinance. Committee agreed to not get involved.

## 13. USDOT Mayor's Challenge

Opportunity exists to write a letter of thanks to Mayor Bartlett for his support of the Riverside Drive sidewalk, and to encourage him to apply for the USDOT Mayor's Challenge. Nathan to work on letter (if time permitting). Summit is March 12, 2015, but no due date given. Link to site is [HERE](#).

## 14. Enforcement Subcommittee

Subcommittee met and determined items of importance. J.D. gave report.

- Develop a four hour training, CLEET certified training course for law enforcement about bicycle laws
- Develop a four hour training on bicycle collisions
- Develop a summary of bike related statues for new officers
- Support signage and recognize non-approved MUTCD signage
- Support Idaho Stop statute to limit liability of the driver in collisions
- Support safe passing law when crossing double yellow line safely
- Support two or fewer cyclists riding abreast
- Support requirement for cyclist to pull over to allow cars to pass when there are more than five cars
- Support helmet law for juveniles
- Support cyclist license plate registration, which would legitimize bikes being on the road
- Support law change regarding hand signals

Subcommittee had discussion with Engineering Services about the plastic black backing of traffic signals. It was noted that the subcommittee did not recommend any pedestrian specific issues. They recognized this and want to discuss further.

## 15. Advocacy Subcommittee

Report given under agenda item #5.

Discussion about why the mayor changed his mind on the Riverside Drive sidewalk. Many City of Tulsa staff worked many extra hours to complete the analysis and recommendations. Committee applauded Engineering Services and Planning Department for their efforts.

## 16. Encouragement Subcommittee

Nothing to report.

## 17. Announcement / New Business

ODOT is hosting their first state BPAC meeting soon. They are working on a statewide map. They plan to be present at the US Bike Summit and the Oklahoma Bike Summit in Stillwater.

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**HOMEWORK:**

Review the following in the [Dropbox folder](#):

- List of tasks and let Nathan know if you'd like to be on the work group meeting in March to prioritize action this year.
- League of American Bicyclists' recommendations
- Bike to Festival Maps on the Dropbox folder and provide feedback to Lauren.

Review maps of Tulsa USDOT Mayor's Challenge, link can be found [HERE](#).

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