



# Bicycle/Pedestrian ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

*August 6, 2015, 6:00 PM*

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

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY***

### 1. Roll Call

Quorum present

**Members:** Nathan Leigh, Jane Ziegler, Joani Dotson, Larry Mitchell, Stephen Lassiter, Lauren Wagner

**Institutional Advisors:** Matt Liechi & Stephen Carr (City of Tulsa Eng & Planning), James Wagner & Nimish Dharmadhikav (INCOG), and Mike Carter (Sand Springs PD)

**Guests:** Jennifer Haddaway, Stephen Place

### 2. Approve June minutes

Approved by consensus.

### 3. Bike Club Update

Safe Cyclist training was made available at Emerson Elementary

### 4. Enforcement Subcommittee

Ann Domin was in a bad crash on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> near Veterans Park and is in ICU in the hospital. Call for signing a card. Jane will deliver it on Saturday. The city is working on this span of the west bound road on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Discussion that if there is an injury accident and the city is notified, the city has the liability to address the issue.

Request was made to put in the traffic block of Law Enforcement CLEET training more about bicycles. Steve Edmonds was very responsive to make a focus in the training. Training will also be addressing how the statutes affect bicycles. Discussion of CLEET training. Several municipalities provide their own CLEET training/academy, and some municipalities will be going through Tulsa's.

### 5. Safety Report

Data pull did not include latitude and longitude information. Jonathan Harris and Nathan will be following up with INCOG.

Bridge over the tracks of I-244. James Wagner spoke on this – it is an ODOT project and currently stands as complete, with a trail connection remaining near the bronze statue. ODOT is aware that the contractors need to complete this, but they are tied up on other parts of the project. They didn't provide a timeline for completion. Discussion of difficulty to get the project done or any commitment from the state agency gained. If you have any questions or concerns, call (918) 838-9933 for Randall White. Discussion

of connection at 24<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> street on Riverside, and the Gathering Place construction project. Cincinnati is scheduled for resurfacing, but will be open to residents to return to their homes (probably gravel).

## 6. Bylaws

Nathan Leigh is working on formatting the Bylaws into a Word document.

## 7. INCOG Updates

### GO Plan

James: Goal of project is to identify and prioritize projects in the Tulsa Region and create a safer place to walk and ride bicycles. Started in March of 2014. Activities included WalkShops, street data, identified the network and sidewalks on arterials and collector streets (but not neighborhood streets). Went through a bicycle facilities project review with several BPAC members. Met with City of Tulsa Traffic and Engineering to look at specifics. Completed a prioritization process (handouts reviewed). Reviewed map of top 20 projects, focusing on destinations that are defined on the map. Discussed the connections to transit – the Peoria and Route 66 BRT projects are outlined on this map to show more mobility. Next step is adoption of the plan – INCOG staff meeting tomorrow with Steering Committee (11 cities and additional partners). September 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening there will be a public meeting for the GO Plan and BPAC is encouraged to attend. Location TBD. Tulsa Health Department will help to market the promotion of the public meeting. Technical Committee meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> so adoption may happen before, but the plan will still be open for public comment. Target date for plan completion – October 14<sup>th</sup> with approval from INCOG Board of Directors. At that point, it will be up to the individual municipalities' planning commissions to adopt into their Comprehensive Plan. James is meeting with all of the cities to keep them engaged in the process. It could take 6-9 months to go through the final adoption process, and some cities may choose not to adopt it.

### Vision 2025

Joani Dotson: Tulsa Health Department made a proposal to City Council and the Mayor in the Vision 2025 hearings for \$15 million for the top 20 prioritized projects in the GO Plan, to augment the \$4.2 million in Improve our Tulsa funds.

Calendar of meetings are on the Tulsa website. All proposal videos are on the YouTube Channel. BPAC can now be advisory to the City Council (as intended) to support the GO Plan proposal. Review of other proposals. Discussion of if we want to support certain projects and preparing a letter of support for those projects to City Council (including: OSU's land near Emerson Elementary; lighting has been funded; Greenwood Walking Tour; 36<sup>th</sup> Street North small area plan; trail in the IDL; etc.).

Rides with Councilors was successful previously and we can consider to do one in each district. Sand Springs did something similar with their wards.

Kudos was given to James and team for their hard work on the GO Plan.

Jennifer Haddaway: INCOG proposed the Bike Share, a \$2.5 million ask. Operating and capital is \$3.8 million total. Some money will be coming in from CMAQ (\$250,000) to offset operations for the first year. Some money will be coming in from TSET for it as well. Currently the project is also a finalist with a TYPros grant.

Nathan: the GO Plan is a 25 year plan. Discussion of if BPAC wants to ask to fund five years of the 25 year plan. Could we ask for more projects? James: The 2 miles Councilor America is interested in and the Riverparks project that will be connected to the dam proposals that would be another \$8-10 million in projects. Regional-wide, it's a \$190 million for all the projects. The cost is 85% in the off-street projects. Would we want to look at on-street vs. off-street facilities?

Discussion of advocacy strategy: meetings with councilors either as BPAC members or constituents; using FeedbackTulsa.org as a forum; waiting until we have more knowledge of their priorities, etc. Task Force meetings will be only those institutions invited. Jane Ziegler: having a 15 minute meeting to invite the councilor to walk or bike a section of their district, and potentially ask those that are most favorable about how the other councilors should best be approached for a walk/ride in their district.

Discussion of members' districts: 4 & 9 represented today. JD Walker is in 8. Jennifer lives in 2. Jane is designated organizer for the drafting of a letter and the messaging. Discussion of content of the discussions with councilors. Assure that economic development discussion is included. Joani can pull together information on the socioeconomics of each district to help stage those questions. James knows some of the priorities each councilor has and will provide that information. Jennifer's husband may be able to be a district 2 representative. Letter draft discussion – James recommends to aim to have all of this going by the end of September. Include heartfelt messages about kids, family and making Tulsa a better place. Group agreed to have a draft letter circulate for input. Small work group get together to do strategic planning. Consensus on strategy was reached.

Discussion of Transit ask in Vision 2025 proposals. Discussion of maintenance costs and Nathan presented some data. Trails Master Plan in 1999 did not include consideration of maintenance costs. Oklahoma is the only state in the nation that does not allow property taxes to be used on street maintenance/infrastructure.

## **8. Announcements**

Vision 2025 work group meeting next week (mid Aug). General meetings going monthly starting immediately. Future meetings may ~~only~~ be skipped in ~~December~~ January and July.

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