



Bicycle/Pedestrian ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2015, 6:00 PM

Brookside Library, 1207E 45th Pl., Tulsa, OK

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY

1. Roll Call

Quorum present

Members: Nathan Leigh, Jane Ziegler, Joani Dotson, J.D. Walker, Mike Wozniak, Larry Mitchell, Gary Percefull, Stephen Lassiter, Ann Domin

Institutional Advisors: Matt Liechti (City of Tulsa Engineering), Nimish Dharmadhikari (INCOG), Jennifer Haddaway (INCOG),

Guests: Stephen Place, Kate Ellisor, Matthias Wicks

2. Approve September Minutes

Approved by consensus.

3. New Contact Info

BPACTUL@gmail.com. Jane bought business card sized information cards for BPAC. People can grab cards next month to use/share when doing BPAC business. Nathan can also mail them to you.

4. Membership renewals

Reminder that each member serves a two year term. About half need to reapply. This needs to happen by December meeting. Nathan will be circulating the sign-up sheet to those ending their term. Nathan also reached out to an individual (Sarah) interested in joining BPAC and riding with her councilor.

5. Bike Club

Mike Wozniak – there are now four clubs up and running. Cooper, Remington, Robertson and Emerson. Jackson and Lee working out their logistics for their clubs. They have had excellent volunteer participation. Anyone interested in volunteering can let Mike know. They're planning to have a volunteer appreciation day at Soundpony October 13th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

6. Enforcement Subcommittee

The group's next step is working on legislation along the lines of the Idaho stop statute. Discussion of Idaho stop law – not the same as Oklahoma "dead red" motorcycle law for stoplights (which does not apply for cyclists). Discussion of stoplight law and engineering of the cameras. BPAC gave consensus to subcommittee for supporting the Idaho Stop Law and stoplight law in state statutes. Discussion of subcommittee makeup and chair. Keith is the TPD representative. Chief Carter is the chair.

Discussion of Bylaws being updated to and incorporating the subcommittees and their responsibilities.

Discussion of Paul Tay's agenda on local traffic laws.

7. INCOG Updates

GO Plan

Nimish Dharmadhikari– Go Plan Public Forum was really good and well attended. Technical committee meeting was prior to that and it went well. INCOG anticipates approval in November by their board. After that, it will go out to the cities to adopt into their individual comprehensive plans. There is a 30 day window from the public meeting to provide feedback. Nathan has some suggestions he will pull together and ask BPAC for review/additions. A comprehensive document would be best to send to James.

Matt Liechti – City of Tulsa would like to look at an access management policy to reduce right turn conflicts. They met with Toole while they were in town to discuss this. They also discussed funding, including a service fee as a potential option. Discussion if BPAC should advocate for a fee like this.

Implementation Committee for the GO Plan – James suggested an outline and set of responsibilities for the committee that Nathan showed on overhead. Jennifer Haddaway – The thought on the Implementation group be focused on the GO Plan, and as other opportunities and issues come up, work closely with the other BPAC groups and membership to address or look into. Discussion of the amount of work/manpower to do this kind of work. Discussed importance of having people participating and involved, different people at all times. Improve Our Tulsa meets twice a week, every week. It's not fully known how the suburbs meet or if they even meet. Discussion of who to chair. Suggested to send a call out to members and friends to see who is interested. Nathan will also send out the draft document of responsibilities for review

Bike Share

Jennifer Haddaway – Looking for sponsors with two opportunities in the pipeline, but cannot announce those right now. Several entities have shown interest, but no Title Sponsors. Close to a non-profit housing the Bike Share, with preliminary approval by the board. Will be announced once documented. Discussion of a QuikTrip contact. Stephen will be collecting names with whom a meeting can be set.

8. Vision 2025

Discussion of Blake Ewing's statements about how city cannot fund itself fully (because of being solely sales tax).

Gary Percefull - Tulsa, Jenks and Union PS made a joint Vision 2025 ask. One ask was for Safety & Security which includes infrastructure to support bicycle/pedestrian safety and security at schools. About \$14 million ask. Tulsa Tech was also involved in this proposal. Mr. Blaine Young had spoken briefly about this at the GO Plan Public Meeting. Gary will get us connected to more information with the specific data and BPAC can discuss at November meeting making a formal letter of support.

9. Advocacy Strategy

Jane developed a letter – Can be circulated tomorrow and feedback can be given by Friday, October 2nd at noon. After that BPAC members/friends can reach out to their district councilors. Pathways to Health and Food on the Move will sign a letter of support as well. Next step, reaching out to other organizations to garner more support using letter as a template.

Reviewed the draft document of the advocacy strategy. Group agreed to use Friends of BPAC to get individuals organized to do rides/walks with City Councilors. Suggestion to encourage the councilors to ride with the bike clubs. Councilor Cue has a grandchild that is in a bike club. Mike Wozniak and Jason from Humble & Sons can take on organizing this. The 15 minutes meetings can encourage these rides. Sarah's information will be shared with Mike to assist. Discussion of the GO Plan being the highlight of these bike rides. Steven and the HUB are also sponsoring a bike club at Sequoyah in Kendall Whittier. Riding to and from school with the kids.

10. Announcements

Head's Up – Gary Percefull – Campaign has been put together and looking to find some sponsorship. Project is stalled, but still going to be rolled out. The Chief Information and Operations Officer, Blaine Young (TPS Policy falls under that umbrella) has been involved in the Head's Up committee. Police is working on these safety issues now. Safe Routes to School – Dr. Gist has polled all the schools if they're a SRTS and/or TSET Certified Healthy School program. Only one school was formally registered as a SRTS, but several are participating.

Annual Report – Discussion of who had gone in years prior to report to City Council on BPAC's progress and content of report. Suggestion was to use original goals and report on how city is doing on them. Joani and Nathan will work on the report. Need to find someone to speak well on it to the council.

Bike Counters – Larry Mitchell has agreed to start buying the counters and looking at implementation. The OK Bike Summit has a breakout session on this. There was an INCOG intern that did some work on this, but the work was low-tech and limited. University of Oregon has articles on bike counting methods. Several offered their resources to assist. Discussion of RiverParks counters. Discussion of how City of Tulsa does their counting (not specific or sensitive). Matt will ask if their counters can count/distinguish bikes from cars (it does count the differences between cars and trucks).

Communications – If you want to share information for the group, Nathan will send it out. If you want something on the agenda or shared with BPAC online, specify when you send it to Nathan.

Federal funding for bike/walk projects – Matt Liechti – Smart Growth America supports the Surgeon General's call to action supporting walking. Congress managed to get the Stop Gap bill to last through end of the year. There's an opportunity to easily show your support and take action in support of the Surgeon General's call to action. It will be sent to membership and friends.

Bike to Stadium – Houston Dynamo example shared.

I-244 project was an article in the Tulsa World recently and was well done. Articles like this can help get projects like this completed. Discussion of writers/journalists and outlets that can and have shown support of bike/ped projects and work. Larry will keep track of the media contacts.

Adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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