



## Meeting Minutes

*December 3, 2015, 6:00 PM*

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

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY***

### 1. Roll Call

Quorum present at 6:06 PM

**Members:** Nathan Leigh, Joani Dotson, J.D. Walker, Larry Mitchell, Gary Percefull, Lauren Wagner

**Institutional Advisors:** Matt Liechti (City of Tulsa Engineering), Nimish Dharmadhikari (INCOG), Ren Barger (Tulsa HUB)

**Guests:** Ken Graham, Elaine Meek, Sarah Kobos, Sherry Laskey, Jerry Walters,

### 2. Bike Clubs

Gary Percefull: Tulsa World article about the stem kits donated to a few schools. STEM kits and curriculum will be available at all 6 Bike Club schools. TPS reported at the Bike Club meeting this morning that they were awarded \$50,000 for bicycle blenders – through the Certified Healthy School initiative. Bike Clubs can always.

### 3. Approve November Minutes

Approved by consensus.

### 4. Membership renewals

Tabled to end of the meeting.

### 5. Head's Up

Gary Percefull: Working with INCOG and CoT to improve several crosswalks at several schools (12-13 schools), and that work is complete. The crosswalks were laid with Thermoplast – a plastic, reflective striping. The striping was done on a diagonal, not a favorite for maintenance, but much more effective for safety. Edison along 41<sup>st</sup> Street had three or four that had this done. Cooper had some, and others. Nathan pulled up the media release that listed all of the schools. TPS has also submitted proposal related to crosswalks to the Vision 2025.

### 6. Enforcement

JD Walker: Nothing to report. Agreed to taking over as committee chair. All agreed by consensus.

## 7. INCOG Updates

### GO Plan

Nimish Dharamadikari: Moved ahead on the Transportation Advisory Committee, now it goes to INCOG's board on next Tuesday's meeting. After that, it will go to the individual cities for adoption to their comprehensive plans.

### Bike Share

Nimish Dharamadikari: Jennifer is working with the partners to finalize plans. She is in talks with Tulsa Tough, and no agreement has been met just yet. Still looking for a corporate sponsor, that QT was not looking promising.

## 8. Vision 2025 & Advocacy Strategy

Discussion of how district 2 & 9: meeting went okay, but required a lot of education. Councilor Bynum was not able to attend. Cue recommended sending emails to tell Councilors what we support. Friends and members started sending emails to councilors.

As folks participate in these meetings, be prepared to talk in general, broad beneficial terms, not the technicalities.

Use the form letter to email your district councilor. Nathan will send the form letter to everyone and focus on the bike clubs and in social media to spread the message.

Meetings set for most of the districts except Districts 1, 7, and 9.

Tulsa Bicycle Club, Pathways to Health both sent their letter of support.

Send letters to City Council through email with the formal letter attached. Each email should be individual.

Councilor Ewing has voiced support for the proposal.

## 9. Implementation Committee for GO Plan

BPAC members and institutional support attended a couple of ImproveOurTulsa project meetings. One was for 11<sup>th</sup> street between Utica and Peoria, a resurfacing project. The city showed two designs, but only one was inclusion of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Matt Liechti explained Complete Streets and the multi-modal level of service analysis process the City of Tulsa is implementing. Other suggestions, including from the nearby residents, including going to a two-lane street with on-street parking, with sheltered bike lanes. This is not a cycle track like in the GO Plan, but the City is going to go back and reevaluate their plans under the multi-modal LOS analysis with the propose option. The second meeting was about 11<sup>th</sup> street between Sheridan and Memorial. The City staff were expected BPAC to show. They had prepared bicycle aspects of the plans, but there were limited pedestrian facilities. The business owners present were supportive of the bike/ped infrastructure. No one had qualms with buffered bike lanes. A design student from OU College of Urban Design came up with a win-win idea. Overall, both meetings were very positive and the benefit of getting involved in these further illustrates the need for the committee. Discussion about notification of meetings and the open mindedness of the city engineers about the size of streets. City engineers are open to the new guidance and options for bike lanes, size of lanes and transit options in street engineering. The schedule for the projects – the non-arterial projects are sent to the neighborhood. For arterials, the information goes out to the block. Twitter, Facebook and IMproveOurTulsa.com are excellent places to get the information. Tweets and posts will include "maintenance zone" and streets names for arterial projects. Matt can give us Doug Helt's information to see if we can get involved in the design meetings. Discussion of who will chair it. Stephen Lassiter is willing to chair it.

## 10. New Business

### Bike-ped Counters

Larry Mitchell prepared notes to recommend to City of Tulsa to purchase and monitor traffic counters. The ones that the RiverParks had are not in use (infrared). There is only a manual counter process in the summer or when people are able to assist with it. Because of the GO Plan and other infrastructure being built, passive, automated counters are needed. EcoCounter has created a system. Other systems are more permanent and not cost efficient. Three counters was about \$11,595 and will last quite a while. The vendor would do a demo presentation with BPAC and the city if interested. INCOG suggested City of Tulsa add it to their budget. Matt Liechti – counters are ‘owned’ by traffic engineering, and can be used with cars and trucks, and maybe bicycles. The camera counters are also available. Recommended talking to Lisa Simpson in traffic engineering to see what could be planned in the way of pre and post assessments. Nimish also found a cell-tracking traffic assessment process.

### Announcements:

Reminder that next year our meetings in 2016 will be first Thursday, but no January or July meetings. Next meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of where bicyclists cross arterials on trails. Mixture of conflict and non-conflict crossings. Mostly, they are at controlled intersections. At many two-lane road there are no protected crossings. Guest Mr. Walters trying to work on crosswalks for more than a decade, particularly around schools. There have been fatalities where crosswalks could have been installed. Has met with Mr. Bynum and the mayor. Had AAA sign printed of crosswalk imagery. Has been involved with Safe Kids Coalition and others. Submitted a Vision 2025 proposal to support crosswalk striping.

Discussion of the law of the ROW for pedestrians and the culture of practice, in comparison to other cities.

Elaine was as the River Spirit Casino at the traffic signal, but not signage for warning of bicyclists crossing. She shared the information to the Casino and will to the Mayor’s Action Line.

Joani Dotson announced the news of the changes in the federal transportation bill, new positions to be posted through the APA grant, and Community Health Needs Assessment data on commuter mode.

FHWSA campaign about changing the language of ‘accidents’ to ‘crashes’ as education to not mistake hitting a bicyclist or pedestrian as an unpreventable act, when in fact they are preventable actions. Advice to cover breaks when going through intersections.

Discussion of the 11<sup>th</sup> street projects being early wins for bicycle infrastructure, and inclusion of planning studies of 5 miles for 1 mile design projects. The GO Plan projects will be incorporated once adopted into the City of Tulsa Comprehensive Plan.

Circle Cinema doing a film with TYPros, International release of Bikes vs. Cars (an unfortunate title). Tulsa HUB getting a preview of the film on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to ensure it is something in line with their values. Discussion to be mindful of language (saying drivers and cyclists instead of cars and bikes). BPAC members may be invited. Ren will also send a 3-minute trailer to go to all Friends of BPAC.

## 11. Membership Renewals

Joani Dotson, Stephen Lassiter, Nathan Leigh, and J.D. Walker submitted letters that were approved. All approved by consensus

## 12. New Member

Sarah Kobos, council district 9, submitted a letter. All approved by consensus as commuting cyclist representative. Stephen Lassiter now Pedestrian/Accessibility representative.

New opening (Mike Wozniak's position).

## 13. Elect Officers

Chair – Joani nominated Larry; Nathan nominated Joani. Both accepted the nomination.

Vice Chair – Either Larry or Joani could serve in this position.

Secretary – Larry nominated Nathan, who accepted the nomination.

Discussion of options and reasoning for nominations. Asked about time commitments. Discussion of rolling Vice Chair up to Chair year to year. By consensus the group agreed to make Joani Chair and Larry Vice Chair.

Adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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