

BPAC Notes  
Thursday, June 4, 2015  
Brookside Library  
1207 E 45<sup>th</sup> Pl.  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**1. Roll Call-**

Members: Nathan Leigh, Larry Mitchell, Lauren Wagner, Mike Wozniak

Institutional Advisors: Gary Percefull (TPS), Jessica Scott (ODOT), Robert Swain (TPS Law Enforcement)

Non-Members: Sarah Kobos, Stephen Place, Douglas Stewart, Paul Tay, Jason Whorton

**2. Approval of April Minutes-** Approved by consensus

**3. INCOG Updates**

**a. Radio Ads-** Leigh reported that the radio ads are running.

**b. Bike Share-** Leigh reported that the bike share plan is complete and implementation of the plan is beginning. Funders are being sought. A grant for an executive director has been written.

**c. GOPLAN-** Leigh reported that the GO Plan is on hold.

**d. Bike to Work Week-** Leigh, Wagner, Wozniak, Mitchell, and Place reported that the bike trains had only a few participants. Participation in the Corporate Challenge was extremely low. The Bike Crawl was well-attended. The kickoff party had to be rescheduled due to the weather.

**4. Bikes in Schools**

**a. "Heads Up" TPS-** Percefull explained that INCOG has applied for CMAC funds to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety on routes to schools. The city will provide materials and TPS will provide labor to repaint and add signage at crosswalks in neighborhoods and adjacent to 13 schools. The "Heads Up" campaign to increase driver awareness of pedestrians and cyclists travelling to schools will begin in mid-August. Percefull shared the TPS Heads Up Committee Update.

**b. New TPS Police Chief Robert Swain-** Leigh welcomed Chief Robert Swain, who became head of TPS Security in October 2014. Swain explained that his previous position was in Colorado Springs which has 20,000 cyclists and lots of bike infrastructure. Chief Swain said that he is a strong supporter of bike safety programs in TPS schools. He intends to trade unused motor scooters for bikes and put more TPS security officers on bikes. Chief Swain described "bicycle safety zones" around schools in Colorado Springs in which ½ a lane around all four sides of a school are designated for bicycles only.

**c. Bike Clubs-** Jason Whorton of Humble & Sons reported that Humble & Sons donated bikes and helmets for the Sequoyah Bike Club which is sponsored by the Hub. Humble and Sons recently donated 200 bikes to the Hub. All Souls sponsors a bike club at the McClain 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center and BPAC sponsors one at Edison. Percefull reported that 6 other schools have requested bike clubs. The TPS Athletic Department, which includes Physical Education, is taking the lead on organizing the clubs. Humble & Sons will provide the bikes. TPS will sponsor district-wide bike club events. Many volunteers will be needed. Percefull asked BPAC members for help contacting local cycling clubs and teams. A kickoff event for organizing teams is planned for late June and will include principals, PE teachers, and potential volunteers. Whorton explained that in August TPS will offer bike safety training based on the Bike Texas curriculum. Options for 3-6 hours of training are offered. In addition, a 2<sup>nd</sup> day of training is available to

train future trainers. Percefull shared the TPS/Humble & Sons Bike Club Project description and Bike Club outline.

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

**a. Surveys-** No discussion

**6. Safety Report-** Leigh reported that Jonathan Harris is developing a report on the top 10 pedestrian bike safety issues from data he received from INCOG.

**7. Bike to Festivals-** Wagner reported that Jim Beach of Tulsa Tough agreed to post a link to the three maps created for the Tulsa Tough sites on the event website, but as of the meeting date, that page was not populated at all. Wagner reported that she had difficulty getting a contact name at Mayfest, but finally was able to reach the director about a week before the event. The link did not get posted to the Mayfest site, but the Hub shared it on Facebook. Wagner will work on getting map links posted for Scotfest, Octoberfest and the State Fair. Leigh reported that TYPros asked for a map for StreetCred which was provided but they did not post the link.

**8. TU Rider Network (TURN)-** Wagner reported that she has been allowed to launch the TU Rider Network (TURN), a program to encourage cycling among faculty, staff and students at TU. The program adds programming to the already popular yellow bike library. Wagner shared the TURN brochure.

**9. Communications and data-** No discussion

**a. INCOG/BPAC webpage-** No discussion

**10. Three Open Positions-** Leigh reminded the representatives that BPAC has 3 open positions, one suburban rep and two pedestrian/accessibility reps. He asked the members to invite interested people to the meetings. Once they are engaged, the appropriate position assignments can be made.

## **11. Follow up-**

**a. Enforcement Subcommittee-** No discussion

**b. Advocacy Subcommittee-** No discussion

**c. Encouragement Subcommittee-** Wozniak reported that the main focus of this committee has been the Emerson Bike Club.

**d. Evaluation Subcommittee-** No discussion. Leigh asked the representatives to consider whether subcommittees should be reorganized based on projects.

## **14. Announcements/New Business-**

**a. Oklahoma Bike Summit-** Scott announced that the 2015 Oklahoma Bike Summit, presented by the Oklahoma Bicycle Coalition, will be held in Stillwater this year.

**b. Mitchell** introduced Tulsa resident Paul Tay. Tay explained that he was cited by Tulsa Police on March 24, 2015, for impeding traffic and failure to ride as far to the right as possible while riding his bicycle down S. Sheridan Avenue in the construction zone between 41<sup>st</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Streets. He explained that the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma have similar statutes regarding impeding traffic, but that the State of Oklahoma statute specifically says that it applies only to motor vehicles. He suggested that BPAC lobby the City Council to add the same provision to the City of Tulsa statute. Tay appeared in court to contest both citations on May 7, 2015, but lost. Tay plans to appeal both citations. He asked BPAC for funds for attorneys' fees and court costs. Leigh thanked Tay for his appearance and explained that BPAC has no funds. He told Tay that he could approach meeting participants individually after the meeting.

**c. Mitchell** reported that TYPros StreetCred had about 1200 attendees and good media coverage.

- d. Leigh told the members that the Hub is looking for board members. He asked the representatives to refer interested people to Ren Barger.
- e. Other bikes in schools items: Place reported that the Sequoyah bike trains ran every day and included 15-20 students. Tay asked if TPS could provide escorts to kids who parents don't want them to walk or bike to school alone. The representatives discussed the dangers to pedestrians and cyclists at Eugene Fields which is adjacent to a busy QuikTrip. Although there is a pedestrian bridge, some pedestrians don't use it. Wozniak reported that Eugene Fields and QT are working to educate parents about crossing safely there. Sarah Kobos hoped that the new zoning code will reduce the size and number of curb cuts to slow traffic. Whorton reported that Bentonville schools have a bicycle curriculum in PE classes. Humble would like to assist in implementing a similar program at a TPS school. Percefull reported that TPS is looking into a STEM curriculum around bicycling.
- f. Mitchell reported good attendance on the recent historic bike tour.
- g. Scott reported that a Kidical Mass Ride was recently held in Oklahoma City and suggested that a similar event could be replicated in Tulsa.
- h. Scott reported that ODOT is opening the application process for federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants next week. She asked the representatives to tell city planners what projects they would like to see submitted.
- i. Wozniak reported that Tulsa Tough gave Soundpony a 99-year copyright on Cry Baby Hill.
- j. Wozniak reported that there will be a bibs-only ride on June 21, the summer solstice.
- k. Place reported that Tulsa Kids held a summer safety event involving the Hub, TPS, and the library. Almost 100 kids attended.
- l. Kobos reminded the representatives that June 5 is the last day for public comment on the new zoning code.
- m. Tay suggested that the City of Tulsa implement voluntary bike licensing for theft prevention.
- n. Several members agreed on the need for a velodrome in Tulsa.