



Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016, 6:00 PM

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

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY

1. Roll Call

Quorum present at 6:05 p.m.

Members: Stephen Lassiter, Sarah Kobos, Larry Mitchell, Gary Percefull, Lauren Wagner

Institutional Advisors: Ann Domin (INCOG), Stephen Carr (City of Tulsa Planning), Matt Liechti (City of Tulsa Engineering), Nimish Dharmadhikari (INCOG)

Guests: Lisa Simpson (City of Tulsa Engineering), Jennifer Haddaway (INCOG), James Wagner (INCOG), Isaiah Persson (Tulsa Health Department), Ed Sharrer (Main Street Kendall Whittier)

2. Approve December 2015 Minutes

Approved by consensus.

3. Heads Up Tulsa Public Schools, Bike Clubs

Percefull reported that TPS has acquired a STEM curriculum and kits from the Tulsa Sports Commission and USA BMX. TPS wants to expand bike club from 6 schools to 9-12 next year. A bike club website is being developed to recruit, manage, and connect volunteers. Cycling groups are being contacted for additional volunteers. The Vision package includes \$14.5M for safety and security in schools which will hopefully cover some sidewalk and crossing improvements.

4. City of Tulsa Vision Advocacy Committee

Kobos reported that the Vision Advocacy Committee is being created to advocate for bike and pedestrian projects from the Vision funds. Reportedly, the package includes funds for transit, safe routes to school, and the GO Plan. Kobos will chair the committee. Lassiter will serve as well.

5. GO Plan Implementation Committee

Lassiter reported that the purpose of the GO Plan Implementation Committee is to prioritize GO Plan projects and work with the City to have GO Plan projects completed in a manner that improves system continuity. Rehabilitation of 15th Street between Peoria and Utica is about to begin, and the bike infrastructure called for in the GO Plan may not be included. Advocacy by BPAC is needed to insure that GO Plan projects are implemented as planned and in a logical manner, not randomly as street rehab projects are scheduled. J. Wagner recommended that priorities should be high profile signature projects and linking key destinations to downtown. L. Wagner suggested that some high visibility sidewalk gap projects are important to implement early along with bicycle infrastructure. Leichti said he would take

recommendations forward to the design department, and recommended that the Committee choose projects in all Council districts. The committee agreed to meet Monday, February 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at INCOG. Lassiter, Mitchell, Simpson, Wagner, Persson, and Kobos will serve.

6. Boulder Ave. Street Project

Leichti reported that members of the Downtown Coordinating Council have long requested that Boulder Avenue be converted to two-way and that more parking be added. This project will be implemented soon. Leichti presented five design alternatives for the 56' street to DCC. Two alternatives -- three traffic lanes and a one-way bike lane, and four traffic lanes and sharrows -- were recommended. DCC preferred four traffic lanes. BPAC members expressed dismay that the City is planning to proceed with this alternative, although Boulder Avenue is one of only three locations in the GO Plan which call for a cycle track. J. Wagner pointed out that, although alternatives including bike lanes provide levels of service below A, those lower levels of service are not incompatible with goals for a downtown street. Dharmadhikari suggested that BPAC could approach DCC to demonstrate that alternatives including bike infrastructure higher than sharrows are still compatible with DCC goals of two-way traffic and parking. Leichti said he would facilitate setting up such a meeting. A strategy will be discussed at the GO Plan Implementation Committee meeting on February 8, 2016.

7. Social Events with BPAC Friends and Members

Dharmadhikari suggested a monthly social opportunity for BPAC members and friends. Dharmadhikari will choose locations and schedule. Riding your bike to the events is encouraged.

8. Bike Share Funding through Improve Our Tulsa GO Plan Funds

Haddaway proposed the BPAC reassign the first allocation of funds from Improve Our Tulsa from the GOPlan to Bike Share. Private funders are interested, but want to see a commitment from the City of Tulsa to the project before they commit. J. Wagner suggested that the allocation be viewed as an opportunity to leverage private donations. Haddaway asked for a decision by April. Mitchell suggested that the question be taken up at the GO Plan Implementation Committee meeting on February 8, and the members agreed. A decision will be made at the March meeting.

9. Webpage Updates

Mitchell reported that an update of the BPAC website is planned.

10. TYPro's Street CReD Event

Dharmadhikari reported that TYPros 2016 Street CReD event will be held the last week of April. Temporary streetscaping and bike infrastructure will be installed on 11th Street from Peoria to Delaware.

11. Enforcement Subcommittee

No report.

12. Other Business

Domin reported that two bills related to cycling issues have been introduced this session.

Haddaway reminded BPAC members to promote and attend the Connected Tulsa event at the OU Schusterman Center on March 31 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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