



## Meeting Minutes

*March 3, 2016, 6:00 PM*

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

***NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, April 7, 2016, AT 6:00 PM AT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY***

### 1. Roll Call

Quorum present.

**Members:** Stephen Lassiter, Sarah Kobos, Larry Mitchell, Lauren Wagner, Nathan Leigh, Joani Dotson, J.D. Walker.

**Institutional Advisors:** Ann Domin & Nimish Dharmadhikari (INCOG), Stephen Carr (City of Tulsa Planning), Matt Liechti & Glen Sams (City of Tulsa Engineering), (INCOG), Stephen Place (Tulsa Hub).

**Guests:** Mike Wozniak (Bike Club), Richard Hall, Charles Stewart, Kenneth Graham (OBC), Gabrielle Platt.

### 2. Approve February 2016 Minutes

Approved by consensus.

### 3. GO Plan Implementation Committee

A meeting was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with representatives from City of Tulsa Engineering and BPAC. The agenda was to discuss planned changes to Boulder Avenue in downtown. Proposed was a sheltered cycle track on Boulder (Northbound) and Cheyenne (Southbound). One lane of traffic in direction of cycle track and 2 lanes of traffic in opposite direction. Parked cars would provide shelter between car and bike traffic. See attached design. At a later meeting, Downtown Coordinating Council approved the design.

Discussions included:

Concerns were noted about keeping cars from parking in cycle track. Recommendations included physical separation between parked cars and cycle track, such as flexible bollards or long-term solution of curbs.

Concerns were noted about how to direct people onto cycle tracks. One-way streets on north end (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) pose a challenge along with continuation south of 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>.

Explanation given for why recommendation of Boulder north and Cheyenne south:

- Access management is better (Bus Station & parking garages).
- Less number of lanes for cars to cross when making a left turn.

City of Tulsa Engineering shared an example for comment of a cycle track with a curb-side bump out (attached).

City of Tulsa Engineering shared a scheduled (attached). It shows construction starting on March 2017 for Boulder with final striping at end.

Lassiter recommended looking at Detroit (scheduled for rehab) as an alternative to a cycle track on Elgin.

Action: follow up meeting will be scheduled to continue discussion on priorities.

Off-topic: concern about hashes getting confused with back-in angled parking. Hashes are angled to encourage traffic to veer towards lane, which just happens to be same direction as back-in parking.

Implementation Committee proposed that BPAC recommend to the City of Tulsa that a portion of current GoPlan funding be dedicated to Bike Share.

\$500K of funding is scheduled to be available in July 2016. Recommend \$250K be allocated for Bike Share. \$1.2 million should be available in 2018.

Bike Share could be on the ground as soon as Spring 2017.

Concern: What if bike share falls through or does not happen in a timely manner?

- o Should not be a concern. City of Tulsa typically notes this in budget allocations and may recall funds.

Adopted proposal via consensus:

- o Recommend using vision funds 1<sup>st</sup> if adopted in April 5<sup>th</sup> election.
- o Otherwise, agree that \$250K of GoPlan funding from 2016 should be allocated for capital outlay for Bike Share.
- o Dotson to draft letter for review.

#### **4. Bikenomics by Elly Blue**

Mitchell gave a quick report and recommendation to read Bikenomice by Elly Blue.

Extensive exploration of bicycle culture in multiple countries.

Discussed the "Freeloader myth" in chapter 1. Offered multiple counter arguments as to why people that bike pay more than their fair share towards road construction and maintenance.

#### **5. Advocacy Committee**

Discussion regarding BPAC support for Vision Tulsa proposals.

Consensus was reached to:

Endorse Transit / Road Maintenance question.

Offer no opinion on Economic Development or Public Safety.

Soundpony is hosting a Town Hall to discuss Vision Tulsa @ 6pm on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sarah Kobos has volunteered to begin management of BPAC's social media (facebook, twitter, etc). Her recommendations included creating articles written by members of BPAC and social media "nuggets & snippets".

Off topic: Matt Liechti provided information about Virtual Signal Loops. Newer technology that uses camera(s) to identify when traffic is waiting for a red light. The software works by calibrating a virtual box where a car, bike, or pedestrian should be waiting and identifying when the box is filled. This technology is how a cyclist waiting on the small "waiting cyclist" surface treatment is able to trigger a light. Therefore, ping the City of Tulsa's Mayor's Action when lights do not work for a waiting cyclist: the Virtual Loops must be configured and adjusted.

#### **6. Membership**

Mike Wozniak has officially declined renewing his membership to allow for fresh perspectives.

Nathan Leigh offered a quick refresher on how to join BPAC:

Applicants submit statement of interest to Chair.

Chair + 2 members review applications and select final recommendations.

Final recommendations go through consensus approval by BPAC.

Submit recommendations to INCOG/City Council for final approval.

Joani Dotson asked for feedback regarding a formal Citizen Recommendation / Sharing process.

Have a portion of the meetings dedicated to hearing citizen concerns. Would be approximately 10 minutes.

Process for fielding issues to help people find an avenue for their concerns. Process follows that four questions are considered in hearing of citizen recommendations, and the process will determine if action is taken by BPAC. Questions are:

- Is an organization already addressing this?
- If not, is there an organization that is most appropriate to send the recommendation?
- If not, is there something BPAC can do?
- If not, why not? Table and record recommendation and decision.

## **7. Bike Club**

Tulsa Public Schools to receive a \$500K safe route to schools grant.

Fund bikes for all bike clubs.

Professional development for PE teachers.

Study and visit Bentonville, AR program.

## **8. INCOG**

No Updates.

## **9. New Business**

Bike to Work Week will be May 16-20, with Bike to Work Day on May 20.

BPAC Happy Hour at Soundpony on March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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