

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Thursday, December 6, 2018 6:00 p.m. 36 Degrees North

Citizen Representatives

Present

Mitch Drummond
Ken Graham
Sarah Kobos
Nathan Leigh
Elaine Meek
Larry Mitchell
Lauren Wagner
Kolby Webster

Absent

John Hagy
Adam Vanderburg
J.D. Walker

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Philip Berry
Tim Stendel
Alana Tipton
Jane Ziegler

Absent

Nick Doctor
Kurt Kraft
Luisa Krug
Matt Liechi
Stephen Noel-Place
J.T. Paganelli
Gary Percefull
Isaiah Persson
Chase Phillips
Brent Stout
Robert Swain
Shelby Tempin

Guests

Gary McColpin

Call to Order

Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the mission statement.

OK Bike Summit

Graham reported that over 150 attended the Oklahoma Bike Summit in Edmond. It cost only \$10 for the day-long program including lunch. Bike OK gained 60 new dues-paying members from the event. Graham thanked BPAC members who attended and presented. The next summit will be a two-day event with one day of continuing education programs for professionals.

Counters

Ziegler reported that the eco-counters have been moved from Peoria and 48th to 71st and Quincy, which is one of the top 10 pedestrian crash locations in Tulsa. On December 7, weather permitting, Tulsa Traffic will assist INCOG in installing tube counters rented from ODOT for one year. They will collect data on 3rd Street before and after installation of bike lanes.

Pedestrian Safety Exhibit

Ziegler reported that the safety exhibit which includes the 15 pairs of shoes and 3 posters has been moved from the North Tulsa Health Department to Plaza Santa Cecilia Mall in east Tulsa. The exhibit is available for installation in work and public spaces.

Action Item: Contact INCOG to schedule the pedestrian safety exhibit.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: The minutes of the meeting of November 4 were approved as presented.

As I See It – Outgoing Chair Remarks

Mitchell urged members to read *Copenhagenize: The Definitive Guide to Global Bicycle Urbanism* by Mikael Colville-Andersen. He discussed strategies for advocacy based on the concepts presented in the book. He reported that recent meetings with representatives from City of Tulsa Streets and Stormwater and Engineering, INCOG, Garver Engineering, and the Downtown Coordinating Council have been productive and collegial, and he is encouraged about the future. He thanked the members for the privilege of serving as BPAC chair.

Election of 2019 Officers

Mitchell presented the slate of officers for 2019:

- Mitch Drummond, President
- Larry Mitchell, Vice President (will not succeed to the presidency in 2020)
- Lauren Wagner, Secretary

He reminded the group that officers are elected by a vote at least 51% of the citizen representatives. Terms begin at the end of the December meeting and run for one year.

ACTION: The officers for 2019 were elected.

This Machine Bike Share Update

Mitchell welcomed Alana Tipton, This Machine Fleet Manager. She reported on the recent expansion of bike share's area of operation down 11th Street to TU. This Machine has 106 of 160 bikes deployed. The BCycle system has been experiencing outages for the last 3-4 weeks. Graham offered the help of BPAC to "relaunch" bike share in spring 2019. The group discussed the impact of scooter share systems on bike share. Ziegler explained that scooter companies pay a base fee to the permit office plus a per scooter fee into either the Improve Our Tulsa fund or the Vision Tulsa fund to implement the GO Plan. This Machine is exempt from these fees because it receives taxpayer dollars.

Action Item: Send photos of improperly parked scooters to Ziegler who will contact the operator.

Leigh suggested educational postings on social media regarding proper parking of shared bikes and scooters. Kobos will assist and explained that some cities are designating scooter parking within sight triangles. Berry said that BPAC needs to make sure that the City of Tulsa 311 system is set up to track complaints about shared vehicle issues such as improper parking.

Tulsa Sidewalk Maintenance Update

Mitchell welcomed Gary McColpin from the City of Tulsa Streets and Stormwater Department. McColpin explained the process by which the City of Tulsa identifies, grades and prioritizes sidewalk maintenance projects. The annual budget including staff salaries for sidewalk maintenance on arterials is \$300,000; in neighborhoods, \$100,000. Maintenance of sidewalks in

front of residences is the responsibility of the owner. Street rehabilitation projects are supposed to include repair of adjacent sidewalks. New development must include sidewalks. Remodel projects are supposed to include sidewalks but this is rarely enforced for interior-only projects.

The group discussed ways to work with Streets and Stormwater to improve sidewalks in Tulsa. McColpin estimates a \$22M backlog in sidewalk maintenance, a backlog which has persisted for at least the past 8 years. Sidewalk gaps can be paid for with GO Plan funds. Maintenance can only occur with GO Plan funds at the intersection of a striping project with a project at the top of the sidewalk maintenance priority list. McColpin explained that Streets and Stormwater has been able to fill in 8 miles of sidewalk gaps with HUD grant funds over the past 3-4 years. Meek noted that for the \$30M cost of the widening project on Yale Avenue between 81st and 91st streets, the entire City of Tulsa sidewalk maintenance backlog could be completed. Mitchell committed BPAC to advocate for a meaningful level of sidewalk maintenance funding in the next City of Tulsa bond issue.

Implementation Committee Report

Leigh reported that the many public meetings in November mean that many infrastructure changes are being implemented. Third Street striping has been corrected. The slip lane at Kenosha won't be closed but green paint, which is being reserved for high-conflict zones, will be added to the bike lane at that location. A Christmas light ride is being planned.

New Business

Documentation of Volunteer Time. Mitchell explained that INCOG requests that BPAC citizen representatives track volunteer activities devoted to BPAC efforts. This data will be used to document the need for funded professional positions and to document community engagement in grant applications.

Action Item: Citizen representatives are asked to log their volunteer hours in the volunteer log available at each meeting.

Public Meeting. Leigh reminded the members that a public meeting is scheduled Monday, December 10 at Central Library regarding rehabilitation of Boulder Avenue and 6th Street. Both projects include bike lanes.

Action Item: All members are encouraged to attend the December 10 public meeting.

Next Meeting. Drummond told the members that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fire Alarm Building. Goals for 2019 will be discussed.

Action Item: Drummond asked members to bring one interesting statistic related to bicycle and pedestrian issues, for example, Tulsans spend on average 24% of their income on transportation.

Adjournment

Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.