Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. Fire Alarm Building

Citizen Representatives

Present

Mitch Drummond Sarah Kobos Nathan Leigh Elaine Meek Larry Mitchell Adam Vanderburg Lauren Wagner J.D. Walker Kolby Webster

Absent

Ken Graham

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept. Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share Jane Ziegler, INCOG Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council

Absent

Nick Doctor, City of Tulsa
Kurt Kraft, City of Tulsa Traffic
Matt Liechti, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs.
Stephen Noel-Place, Tulsa Hub
Gary Percefull, Tulsa Public Schools
Robert Swain, TPS Law Enforcement
Shelby Tempin, ODOT
Paulina Baeza, INCOG
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Chase Phillips, INCOG
Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs

Guests

Peter Som de Cerff Marc Miller Arianna Derr Leslie Considine Jake Ledgerwood

Call to Order

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He welcomed Arianna Derr Healthy Living Program Specialist-Community and Government Sector, and Leslie Considine, Healthy Living Program Coordinator, from Mayes County HOPE. The other attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2019, were approved as presented.

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Third Street Striping and Ribbon Cutting

Mitchell suggested that parking compliance adjacent to the 3rd Street bike lanes is improving.

Kobos explained that Councilor McKee invited her on a group ride to test the new bikes lanes on 3rd Street. They had quality conversation, and Councilor McKee took notes on positive and negative aspects of the bike lane experience. Councilor McKee expressed interest in establishing a Cyclovia event in Tulsa.

A ribbon cutting for the 3rd Street bikes lanes is planned later in July after installation of green paint is complete. Leaders are needed to help coordinate information stops on the ribbon-cutting ride route.

Kurz explained that Downtown Coordinating Council safety ambassadors have been placing reminder notices on the windshields of cars parked in bike lane buffers for the past week and a half. Ziegler will share the Walk Bike Tulsa compliance reminder card developed by INCOG.

Leigh reported that Councilor McKee advocated for more green paint in a recent DCC meeting. Because of her efforts, bike lanes will now receive green paint at signalized intersections and major conflict zones.

Archer Striping

Leigh reported that a representative of the City of Tulsa Streets and Stormwater Department explained that, because some curb-to-curb sections on Archer turned out to be narrower than indicated in design drawings, bike lane width was reduced in those sections. Eleven-foot travel lanes and 8-foot parking lanes were retained. The resulting bike lane widths are very narrow and cyclists are crowded by parked cars, the gutter pan, and sewer grates. DCC and Councilor McKee are advocating that corrective measures be taken. The members discussed possible solutions, including reducing parking width for non-ADA spaces and shifting parking near Cheyenne.

City of Tulsa Traffic Engineering will place temporary bollards in bike lane buffers to indicate to drivers how to park correctly. Permanent plastic delineators are being considered for narrower buffers. Kurtz added that contractors are trimming low-hanging tree branches over bike lanes. A thermoplastic scooter symbol template is being sought so that scooter symbols may be added to bike lanes. He reminded the group that downtown streets are restriped on a three-year schedule, providing future opportunities for change. Would a bidirectional cycle track be a more effective solution on Archer?

Infrastructure Committee

Leigh and Kurz reported on this month's meeting with Garver Engineering which addressed 3rd Street, 11th Street, and Boulder Avenue. Because of the recent increase in development on 11th Street from Peoria to Utica, that section will receive parallel parking on both sides of the street. On 3rd Street, parking will be eliminated on the south side from Madison to Utica, and possibly on the north side as well. Boulder Avenue will receive sharrows markings from Riverside to Main, and a bike lane north of main. Garver is studying ways to make a bike connection from Veterans Park down to Riverside.

Leigh reported that he met with Jessica Jackson, Executive Director of Kendall Whittier Main Street, and Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office, regarding plans for bike lanes on Lewis Avenue.

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Urban Data Pioneers

Persson reminded the members that Urban Data Pioneers is a program of the City of Tulsa that empowers teams of city employees and community members to work in teams to deeply understand questions through data analysis. Urban Data Pioneers has requested a project proposal from BPAC. He invited the members to a meeting at Mixco on July 17, 2019, at 4pm, to discuss project ideas and questions to be answered. The members suggested a level-of-comfort map and analysis of areas where cyclist/pedestrian crashes are clustered. Ziegler stressed that safety analyses of high crash areas should be used to identify other areas where crashes have not yet occurred so that they can be proactively remediated.

INCOG Update

Walk Bike Tulsa. Ziegler shared a draft of the bike lane education card and asked the members for comments. It is being distributed by BPAC members and DCC Ambassadors.

Travel With Care. Ziegler explained that INCOG has hired Humble Sons to develop a new Travel With Care website. The purpose of the site is to provide information for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and scooterists. The scope of Travel With Care is regional as opposed to Walk Bike Tulsa which is a City of Tulsa project.

The members expressed concern that Travel With Care provides more cautions to cyclists about operating safely on roadways than it does to drivers to take care around vulnerable road users. Ziegler explained that ads will target both drivers and cyclists. PR firm Resolute is handling social media for the campaign.

Trail Branding Project. Ziegler told the members that INCOG will host a trail branding focus group for BPAC on August 14, 2019.

ODOT Long Range Plan. ODOT is conducting a survey regarding the long-range transportation plan. Please complete the survey www.oklongrangeplan.org and share it widely.

Mayes County BPAC

Derr and Considine explained that they administer TSET grants in Mayes County and have an agreement with the City of Pryor to create a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. BPAC members shared the history of INCOG BPAC and provided advice.

Upcoming Events

July TBD	3 rd Street Bike Lane Ribbon Cutting
July 17, 2019	Brainstorming Urban Data Pioneers Projects, Mixco
July 18, 2019	CoT Public Project Meeting 15 th St. Lewis to Peoria
July 25, 2019	Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting Girl Scouts of Eastern OK, 4810 S. 129 th E. Ave.
July 29, 2019	Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting Memorial High School
July 30, 2019	Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting Booker T. Washington High School
August 1, 2019	People for Bikes Workshop, Bentonville, AR
August 14, 2019	BPAC Focus Group for Regional Trail Branding

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Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Attachments

Agenda
Minutes of the Meeting of June 6, 2019
Ziegler Email INCOG Updates
Walk Bike Tulsa Compliance Reminder Card Draft