

## Tulsa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes

Sept 6, 2018

Location: Growing Together Tulsa - 18 S. Lewis Ave.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Institutional Advisors Present</b>		<b>Guests Present</b>
Mitch Drummond Sarah Kobos Nathan Leigh Larry Mitchell J.D. Walker	Kurt Kraft Luisa Krug JT Paganelli Isaiah Persson Chase Phillips Tim Stendel	COT Traffic Tulsa Health Dept COT Planning Tulsa Health Dept INCOG Tulsa Police Dept	Elaine Meek Brian Kurtz Katie Wing
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Institutional Advisors Absent</b>		
Ken Graham Adam Vandenburg Lauren Wagner	Nick Doctor Matt Liechti Stephen Noel-Place Gary Percefull Daniel Sperle Robert Swain Shelby Templin	COT – Mayor’s Office COT – Engineering Services Tulsa Hub Tulsa Public Schools Tulsa BikeShare TPS – Law Enforcement ODOT	

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Larry Mitchell. A quorum was not initially present.

Larry Mitchell discussed officers for 2018. The plan is to present a slate at the October meeting, and have elections in November.

Larry Mitchell gave a summary of the meeting with Kurt Kraft and Tracy Nyholm (Streets and Stormwater Dept) regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street striping project. They approved a majority of the changes recommended by the BPAC Implementation Committee. Third Street, then Archer will be striped.

Brian Kurtz, the new Downtown Coordinating Council (DCC) Executive Director, explained what the DCC is and what he does. The DCC oversees maintenance, the downtown ambassador program, cleaning services, marketing, etc. for the area within the IDL. They make recommendations to the Mayor for how a portion of the Tulsa Stadium Improvement District funds are spent.

Mr. Kurtz said that he lives downtown and is a pedestrian and a cyclist. He’s looking forward to the delivery of the downtown striping plans.

Sarah Kobos asked if any improvement district funds would be used on the implementation of the Speck recommendations, and Mr. Kurtz said no. They don’t have enough money for that.

Katie Wing presented the results and analysis of the INCOG bike/ped counts performed over the summer. Larry Mitchell will email the documents to everyone.

J.D. Walker arrived and a quorum was present. The August minutes were approved.

Chase Phillips reported that INCOG has begun conversations with stakeholders regarding e-bikes and e-scooters. The City plans to pass an ordinance to regulate how many e-bikes and e-scooters will be allowed to be deployed. Current plan is to treat scooters as bikes.

Mitch Drummond asked if e-bikes and e-scooters would be allowed on River Trails. Chase said that he didn't know but Jane Ziegler would.

Chase Phillips has investigated bike/ped crashes on the trail system. Any crash is attributed to the nearest street intersection. During the last 10 years, there have only been 8 bike/ped crashes within 300 feet of the River Parks Trails system. All of these crashes occurred on road ways or at intersections, not on the trails.

Isaiah Persson asked if there was a way to tap into EMSA or Fire Department data, because police often don't respond to a bike/ped crash. It would be interesting to compare the data to that from the Police Department. Officer Stendel said that a bike/bike crash would not be reported as a traffic incident.

Larry Mitchell discussed the suggested Municode changes. If there are no other changes, we need to approve via consensus so we can move forward. If you have any changes or suggestions, please email Jane Ziegler by September 27<sup>th</sup>. (Original document was emailed on 9/4/2018.)

Nathan Leigh suggested that we specify (define) the type of scooters that are prohibited on sidewalks in a business district, to distinguish between motorized scooters (like a Vespa) and e-scooters or human-propelled scooters. Also suggested that we lower the age for allowing kids to bike on sidewalks to 14.

Kurt Kraft said that he had concerns about the proposal to say pedestrians always have the right of way. If a pedestrian steps into the street in front of a car, it's not the driver's fault if the pedestrian gets hurt.

Nathan asked what we can do to achieve both goals. To help create a culture where it's safe to cross the street. Larry said that in Oregon, drivers would yield if they saw a pedestrian coming near a street. Sarah Kobos said that under Oregon state law, every intersection is considered a crosswalk, and a person has entered the crosswalk when "any part of the pedestrian's body, wheelchair, cane, crutch, or bicycles moves into the roadway in a crosswalk with the intent to proceed."

Larry Mitchell said that we should email any additional ideas by Thursday of next week, then Larry will send out an email for consensus.

Nathan Leigh gave the Implementation committee update.

- We will have an implementation meeting in September to discuss priority 2 & 3.

- o Date/time/location TBD – Monday 9/17 @ 6.

Nathan sent out a notice about a public meeting re: Archer and Main. The meeting will be held on Monday, Sept 10 at 6 pm at the downtown library auditorium.

The city held a meeting last month related to 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Lewis to Harvard. The plans didn't include a bike lane.

Nathan said that a year ago, there were plans for a bike lane on Lewis from 15th going south; now it doesn't. Chase Phillips said the workers appear to be done with the striping on that section of Lewis, and are picking up cones.

Nathan suggested that BPAC should start meeting with Neighborhood Associations to educate the public regarding bike/ped infrastructure. We have neighborhood associations that get upset when bike lanes are proposed because they don't understand them. We need to go to neighborhood associations and talk about the benefits of road diets, bike lanes, etc.

- Louisa Krug said that WIN (Working in Neighborhoods) has all the contact info. She thinks they do a once a year meeting with all the neighborhoods associations.
- Isaiah Persson asked if we could get articles about bike/ped topics published in Next Door by the city.
- JT Paganelli said that the WIN website has a map that shows the borders of the associations. Also, he will talk to Phil Berry about opportunities for the Planning department to be involved.
- Mitch Drummond suggested that we should be strategic based on upcoming construction / resurfacing projects to get ahead of it, in addition to creating more general content to contribute to the WIN newsletter.
- Mitch Drummond will coordinate a follow-up meeting for outreach to talk about these ideas.

Nathan shared some ideas for potential traffic calming events (based on upcoming road projects):

- Creek Turnpike and Sheridan – do a mid-block crossing with a pedestrian refuge.
- Lewis and Admiral in Kendall Whittier - bike lanes to demonstrate the plan we discussed with Ed Sharrer
- Boulder and 10th – Dutch intersection.

**New business:**

Brian Kurtz announced that the DCC is hosting a Parking Day event on Friday 9/21/18 from 10 am to 4 pm, on Boston Ave between 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, to show alternative uses for parking spaces.

**Next meeting:** October 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Growing Together Tulsa

Meeting adjourned.