

Tulsa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes

May 3, 2018

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

Members Present	Institutional Advisors Present		Guests Present
Ken Graham	Nick Doctor	COT – Mayor’s Office	Kurt Rotering Dan Ashbaugh Stacey Bayles Sherry Laskey
Sarah Kobos	Isaiah Persson	Tulsa Health Dept	
Nathan Leigh	Chase Phillips	INCOG	
Larry Mitchell	Lisa Simpson	COT Planning/Traffic	
Adam Vandenburg	Tim Stendel	Tulsa Police Dept	
Lauren Wagner	Shelby Templin	ODOT	
J.D. Walker			
Members Absent	Institutional Advisors Absent		
Mitch Drummond	Philip Berry	COT Planning	
	Matt Liechti	COT Engineering	
	Gary Percefull	Tulsa Public Schools	
	Stephen Place	Tulsa Hub	
	Daniel Sperle	Tulsa BikeShare	
	Robert Swain	TPS Chief of Law Enforcement	

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Larry Mitchell. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with one suggested revision.

Larry Mitchell said there will be a news conference for Walk Bike Tulsa on May 10, at 1:30. Walk Bike Tulsa will focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety and rules of the road for motorists. The event will be held near the bike lane near on N. Detroit Ave downtown. Mayor Bynum will proclaim May as Bike Month in the City of Tulsa and Councilor Ewing will also speak.

BPAC has been invited to have a booth at the Make It Your Business (health and wellness) symposium on May 23. Larry passed around a sign-up sheet. Isaiah Persson said it’s about incorporating health into policy discussions/decisions. Website: Tulsa-health.org/MIYB. They are inviting businesses from Tulsa and other municipalities to attend. They want BPAC to be there to promote bike-friendly businesses and policies.

Larry Mitchell passed around a sign-up sheet for the Copland Classic booth on Saturday, May 19. They will include a BPAC brochure in the ride package.

Larry Mitchell asked if it’s time to rebrand BPAC and update the logo, webpage, etc. INCOG and the City of Tulsa are supportive. Larry has been working with Paulina Baeza at INCOG. Talk to Larry if you want to be on the sub-committee to discuss further.

Sherry Laskey spoke about the Lacy Park Bicycle Ride on Saturday May 12th 9 am-1 pm. The goal is to introduce the community to the Lacy Park Trail. Partnering with Tulsa Hub, INCOG, City of Tulsa, TPS Bike Club, etc. They want to encourage people to use the trail for health and cycling, and as a connection to the bus route that intersects it. Larry Mitchell will email more information about the ride.

J.D. Walker gave the Enforcement Committee update. Ann Doman at INCOG is looking into how we can incorporate bike friendly training into the regular police academy training, instead of having to send police officers to a separate bike course.

J.D. also mentioned that when an auto collision involves a cyclist/pedestrian, there's rarely a citation. The only statistics (like the Department of Public Safety crash data) come from police reports completed by officers, not those that are self-reported by victims. As a result, a lot of incidents involving cyclists and pedestrians are not being captured.

Ken Graham said that they are also looking at Tulsa municipal codes. Comparing what's on the books here to other cities. Looking at best practices and comparisons.

Sarah Kobos gave the Advocacy update. The TMAPC voted for a continuance on the proposed zoning amendment that would allow wider residential driveways. Turnout at the "Grocery Ride" was pretty small due to cold weather, but it was a good test run for the concept. Hoping to assist others who want to organize their own neighborhood grocery runs. Sarah will attend the Tulsa Transit Technical Advisory meeting on May 22.

Shelby Templin said that ODOT will get some financing for promotional materials and they want to come up with a safety campaign related to bike/ped transportation.

Templin said that ODOT is building a statewide inventory to see what kind of bike/ped connectivity we have in and between the 40 most populated areas. When people are biking across the country, we can't tell them what routes to take because there's no formalized inventory. Once the inventory is complete, we can create a master plan and then start connecting / filling the gaps.

Shelby will also be looking at League of American Bicyclists survey that goes out to all state DOTs (Bike Friendly America). She will see if we can provide more detailed information and improve our ranking.

Ken Graham said that the OK BPAC will be holding regular meetings every other month.

BikeOK is working with ODOT to create more BPACs in other cities across the state. Goal is to help get more cities with BPACs and active transport committees.

Lauren Wagner reported that the Owasso traffic engineer asked for help with bike lanes / advice. Lauren sent them the NACTO recommendations.

Lisa Simpson's last day at the City of Tulsa is May 23.

The City should start striping 3rd street in a couple weeks.

Nathan Leigh provided the implementation update.

Nathan has created a spreadsheet to track GoPlan implementation status.

There's a public meeting coming up Monday May 7 at 6 PM for a street project that includes 73rd street, but it's a bit too narrow for bike lanes.

Nathan got an email from Doug Helt about the 15th and Denver project. Hoping to get together with Larry, Nathan, and Doug to discuss. Will try to include Paul Uttinger.

There are also striping plans for 4th Place between Harvard and Yale.

Larry said that they are also looking at bike lanes for on Southwest Blvd from Riverside to 41st St West.

Lisa Simpson said that most of downtown will get touched with striping, crosswalks, etc. Getting ready to re-stripe some school crosswalks soon. They're on a 3-year cycle. Signalized intersections are on a 6-year cycle for striping.

Shelby Templin mentioned that TAP grants are federally funded and administered through INCOG. The funding is mostly infrastructure related. Shelby will lead committee that will be scoring TAP grants for Safe Routes to School.

Adam gave an update on bike friendly businesses status.

Nick Doctor reported that the sidewalk café ordinance will be passed by city council next week. Goal is to streamline permitting process for sidewalk cafes. Already have several ready to apply.

There is an upcoming road project on West 41st Street that will involve widening the shoulder. The City wants feedback from cyclists. Nathan will follow up via email.

Lauren Wagner said that Tulsa Bike Share has received a grant to provide stations between downtown and TU on 11th street. They are going to look at putting one on the TU campus.

Next meeting: June 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Growing Together Tulsa

Meeting adjourned.