

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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

Citizen Representatives

Present

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

Absent

None

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept.
Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs.
Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share

Absent

Nick Doctor, City of Tulsa
Kurt Kraft, City of Tulsa Traffic
Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council
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
Jane Ziegler, INCOG
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Chase Phillips, INCOG

Guests

None

Call to Order and Welcome

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He told the members that Ofc. Stendel has retired from the Tulsa Police Department but has expressed interest in serving as a citizen representative from Broken Arrow.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: The minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2019, were approved as presented.

Community Outreach and Education

Drummond let the members know that City of Tulsa Director of Communications Kim MacLeod, who was scheduled to speak, was unexpectedly called away. Her presentation will be rescheduled.

INCOG Update

Ziegler could not attend the meeting, so Drummond shared the following updates from INCOG:

- The Travel With Care mural behind Fairfellow Coffee shop is almost complete.
- INCOG continues to work with Resolute PR on a Travel With Care social media campaign
- INCOG is working with Humble Sons to create a Travel With Care Tulsa website which should launch in July. Stories and interviewees are needed.
- INCOG is helping the City of Wagner write a BUILD grant which will provide sidewalks along one-mile of a major thoroughfare.
- INCOG is hosting an FHWA training for agencies around the state about scalable risk assessment for pedestrians and cyclists.
- INCOG is working with Casa de la Cultura to install bike racks in East Tulsa before the end of the summer.

Places for Bikes Workshop. Graham explained that he will attend the Places for Bikes Workshop being held in Bentonville, AR, on August 1, 2019, and offered a ride to others.

Streetlights. Graham shared a story from the *Tulsa World* on City of Tulsa plans to provide 500 additional streetlights and asked whether crash hotspots could be prioritized.

Road Safety Audits. Graham shared information about road safety audits from the Federal Highway Administration. He asked if BPAC would consider taking an official position on the use of road safety audits (RSAs) to encourage the City to identify funds and begin to conduct RSAs in a systematic way. He told the members that Bike OK will take up this issue with Shelby Templin at ODOT. Graham requested that BPAC ask INCOG to lead and house an effort to begin conducting RSAs. The next step is to determine criteria for locations to be audited, for example, locations where there has been a fatal crash. Stout added that any recommended changes must be aligned with planning and design of funded projects so that changes can be implemented. He suggested that identifying areas of liability could drive funding toward remediation. Drummond will begin a conversation with Ziegler on this issue.

Accomplishments

Drummond and the members enumerated recent accomplishments:

- New bike lanes on 3rd Street. The Downtown Coordinating Council requested green paint on 3rd Street bike lanes before Tulsa Tough. A request has been made to Tulsa Tough for announcers to talk about the new bike lanes.
- Webster interview in *Tulsa Voice* story on bike infrastructure.

Infrastructure Committee

Kendall-Whittier Neighborhood. Leigh reported that he will meet with the Director of Kendall-Whittier, Inc., to discuss bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure in the district. KWI is working to have semi-trucks rerouted from Lewis to Utica Ave.

Harvard Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. Leigh reported that the pedestrian bridge across Harvard Ave. between 51st and 61st Streets has been demolished. Stout added that a traffic signal is being added at 56th Street and should be in place before school starts this fall.

Proposed Changes to the GoPlan. Leigh shared a draft letter to the City of Tulsa Engineering Services Department proposing changes to the GoPlan. The members discussed the proposal

and suggested changes. Leigh reminded the members that additions to the plan do not change the order of priority of projects for implementation.

ACTION: The members approved the content of the letter. Drummond will finalize the letter and send it to Matt Liechti who will then route it to Ziegler at INCOG.

Improve Our Tulsa 2 Request

Drummond reminded the members that a BPAC subcommittee developed priorities and messaging for BPAC's request for Improve Our Tulsa 2 funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Counselor Kara Joy McKee has invited BPAC representatives to speak at the upcoming City Council committee meetings to allocate funding for specific projects.

ACTION: The members agreed that Drummond will prepare formal letters to the City Councilors and the Mayor stating BPAC's request, justification, and FAQ responses to common misconceptions regarding cycling/pedestrian infrastructure.

Other Business

FHWA Training on Measuring Cyclist/Pedestrian Risk. Drummond reported that he and several other BPAC members attended FHWA training for measuring cyclist/pedestrian risk on June 6, 2019. Topics included collecting data, purchasing data, and analysis of data with the goal of informing design and preventing crashes.

Tulsa 311 App. Persson offered to direct suggestions for improvement to the Tulsa 311 app to the appropriate person at the City.

Critical Mass Ride. Mitchell invited the members to the Critical Mass Ride which departs the southeast corner of Guthrie Green the 2nd Friday of every month. The ride lasts about an hour. Mitchell explained that the goal is to build participation in the ride through the Quad State Planning Conference later this year. Conference speaker and planner Matt Seabolt will be invited to participate in the ride when he is in Tulsa for the conference in October.

Leaders on Bikes. Webster told the members that space is still available in the Hub's Leaders on Bikes Camp which begins July 15. It lasts one week and is open to kids in grades 7-12. Scholarships are available and lunch is included.

Urban Data Planners. Persson explained that Urban Data Planners has invited BPAC to submit ideas for projects. Persson, Graham and Leigh agreed to meet to brainstorm ideas.

KWGS Weekly Series. Webster announced that he will cohost a weekly KWGS broadcast focusing on Black Oklahomans beginning February 2020. He is looking for stories.

Upcoming Events

Ongoing	Flood Recovery Volunteer Work at RiverParks
July 7-9, 2019	Tulsa Tough
June 14, 2019	Critical Mass Ride, southeast corner of Guthrie Green
July 15	Start of Leaders on Bikes Camp
June 17, 2019	Next Implementation Committee Meeting
July 11, 2019	Next BPAC Meeting
August 1, 2019	People for Bikes Workshop, Bentonville, AR

Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Attachments

Agenda

Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 1019

Tulsa World Streetlight Story

Road Safety Audit Info from Federal Highway Administration

Draft Letter Re: Proposed GoPlan Changes

Ziegler Email INCOG Updates