

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2019 6:00 p.m. Fire Alarm Building

Citizen Representatives

Present

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

Absent

Larry Mitchell

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept.
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office
Chase Phillips, INCOG
Tim Stendel, Tulsa Police Dept.

Absent

Nick Doctor, City of Tulsa
Kurt Kraft, City of Tulsa Traffic
Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs.
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
Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share
Jane Ziegler, INCOG

Guests

Brendan Hill

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2019, were approved as presented.

Accomplishments

Art Alley. BPAC members staffed a booth at the Art Alley on Saturday, April 27, and had high quality conversations with Anna America and several other visitors and residents.

Sidewalk Obstructions. Graham reported Gathering Place parking signage obstructing a sidewalk on the Tulsa 311 system and the obstacle was removed within two hours.

Walkers at TCC. At a Tulsa Health Department quarterly seniors' breakfast, Drummond met a group of ladies looking for a safe place to walk. He connected them to TCC Campus Security. A TCC officer plans to meet the group and take them on a tour of the facilities. Drummond asked

the members of the group to contact their City Councilors regarding the truck traffic and lack of sidewalks in their neighborhood.

Public Statement Regarding Bicyclist, Pedestrian and Scooter Rider Crashes and Deaths

The group discussed contributing factors to the scooter crash which resulted in the death of the five-year-old, and public perception of the incident. They agreed on the need for a clear understanding of the details of the incident.

The group discussed the need for a public statement to the media as well as a private statement to the City of Tulsa and the differences between those two statements. They agreed on the following principles for the statements:

- Express sympathy and call for action.
- Call for a stop to victim-blaming.
- Identify locations where vulnerable road user incidents are highest and request that the City of Tulsa take action to improve infrastructure in those areas.
- To retain credibility, address people making poor decisions, then emphasize that Tulsa lacks the infrastructure to allow people to make good choices.

Hill volunteered to facilitate a session to develop a statement.

Improve Our Tulsa Bond Issue

The group discussed the content of an official statement from BPAC to the Mayor and City Council regarding the Improve Our Tulsa bond issue allocation. They discussed the following items for inclusion in the statement:

- Common objections to bike/ped infrastructure and rebuttal.
- Quantify the amount of funding needed to bring transit routes to within one mile of every Tulsa resident.
- Prioritize sidewalk improvements around planned transit “mini-hubs” and overlay those locations on the GO Plan.
- Allocate 10% of bond issue funds to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Decouple sidewalk improvements from street projects.
- Focus bike/ped infrastructure improvements around transit, schools and parks. The City must be responsible for safe routes from transit stops to citizens’ final destinations.
- Divert funding from street widening to hotspots for cyclist/pedestrian injuries and deaths. Provide funding for road safety audits at these locations.
- Make equivalent investments in infrastructure to move people who don’t have automobiles as for those who do.

Drummond will draft a letter for BPAC members to approve at a future meeting.

The group discussed having prewritten letters available for citizens to sign at public events. BPAC members will collect the signed letters, scan them, and email them to the City.

INCOG Updates

CLEET Training. Phillips reported that INCOG sponsored CLEET training for 16 officers from TPD, Owasso, Bixby and Norman. Les Leathem, President of These Guys, LLC, provided the training which included an on-bike component. Stendel confirmed that the training was valuable and that there was good engagement and discussion with the officers involved.

Public Safety Campaign. Phillips reported that INCOG has funded a targeted media campaign for Bike/Walk Tulsa. It includes digital media and a mural by artist Jake Beeson on a wall of the Fair Fellow Coffee building in Kendall-Whittier.

Upcoming Events

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| May 7, 2019 6pm | Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting, Jewish Federation of Tulsa |
| May 13, 2019 6pm | Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting, OU-Tulsa Schusterman Learning Center |
| May 14, 2019 6pm | Improve Our Tulsa Public Meeting, Greenwood Cultural Center (rescheduled from April 30) |
| May 15, 2019 | Legislative Ride, Capitol, OKC. Graham explained that Carol Bush is organizing the ride and five legislators have already signed up. |
| May 17-19, 2019 | Bike/Walk Tulsa Booth at Mayfest. Drummond asked BPAC members to sign up for a shift. |
| May 20, 2019 6pm | Implementation Committee Meeting, Drummond's office. |
| May 23, 2019 | <i>Bicycle Revolution</i> at Circle Cinema sponsored by TYPros Urbanists |

Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Attachments

Agenda and Upcoming Events
 Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2019
 Improve Our Tulsa Town Talking Points