

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 5, 2019 6:00 p.m. Fire Alarm Building

Citizen Representatives

Present

Mitch Drummond
Nathan Leigh
Elaine Meek
Lauren Wagner
Ken Graham
Larry Mitchell

Absent

Sarah Kobos
Adam Vanderburg
J.D. Walker
Kolby Webster

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share
Katie Sawicki, Tulsa Bike Share
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs
Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept.

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
Jane Ziegler, INCOG
Paulina Baeza, INCOG
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Chase Phillips, INCOG
Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office
Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council

Guests

Peter Som de Cerff

Call to Order

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Tulsa Bike Share

Drummond introduced Katie Sawicki, Executive Director of This Machine Tulsa Bike Share. Sawicki shared a This Machine flyer, system map, and operations report for the first year of operation. She explained that Phase II expansion of the system is planned for Fall 2019 and all or part of the fleet will hopefully become electric in Spring 2020. Partnerships to fund rides for low-income users are being explored. Tipton invited BPAC members to test ride an e-bike at Tulsa Bike Share headquarters. She reported that about 10% of the fleet was lost to theft in the first year of operation, but no accidents involving bike share riders have been reported.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: The minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2019, were approved by consensus as presented.

Accomplishments and Challenges

Education Materials. INCOG produced the bike lane education cards. BPAC members are encouraged to distribute them. DCC is developing notices resembling parking tickets that will be placed on windshields of improperly parked vehicles.

Infrastructure. Green bike emblems are being added to Third Street bike lanes downtown. Flexible poles have been installed along the bike lanes on Archer. Resurfacing and restriping of Boulder Avenue is underway.

Urban Data Pioneers. Urban Data Pioneers have agreed to analyze crashes to measure how far they have occurred from crosswalks. They may develop a color-coded map indicating distance to marked crosswalks.

18th & Main. BPAC was invited to have input on the design for improvements at 18th and Main.

Electric Buses. Tulsa Transit has received a grant for four electric buses.

Deaths. Two more pedestrian deaths have occurred in automobile crashes since the last BPAC meeting.

Osage Trail

Graham requested that BPAC members use the Tulsa 311 app to report issues on the Osage Trail and also email Parks and Rec Director Anna America. Graham will meet with Parks and Rec to discuss maintenance and safety on the trail. Graham researched trail sweeping equipment purchases by the City of Sand Springs and will share that information with the City of Tulsa. Leigh pointed out that the new bike lanes will require sweeping as well as the trails.

Park(ing) Day

Graham invited members to help him staff a BPAC parking spot on Park(ing) Day, Friday, September 20. Groups at this TYPros/DCC-sponsored event pay the cost of the meter for the day (\$9) and convert a single parking space to a parklet. Leigh, Graham, Som de Cerff, and Meeks will work the event. Leigh suggested that funds from the traffic calming budget could be used for the project.

Meetings with Tulsa City Councilors

Graham reported that he and Drummond met with Councilor Fahler (District 5). It has been suggested that Councilors share portions of their \$1M allocation from the upcoming bond issue to accomplish larger projects. Graham and Drummond suggested a mid-block traffic signal on S. Yale Ave. between 21st and 31st Streets.

Councilor Fahler invited BPAC to make a presentation to Tulsa City Council on bicycle and pedestrian issues. Possible topics include the funding package and progress toward BPAC goals, pedestrian/cyclist deaths and safety, and economic development opportunities.

Councilor Lakin has suggested an ordinance requiring contractors to maintain sidewalk access during construction projects. Drummond suggested that BPAC members report blocked sidewalk access under the BA Expressway overpasses via the Tulsa 311 app and by emailing Councilor Lakin.

Infrastructure Committee

Leigh reminded the members of the dates of the Infrastructure Committee meetings in September and October.

Other Business

People for Bikes Survey. Mitchell requested that BPAC members complete the People for Bikes survey that Drummond will share via email.

BRT Access. Som de Cerff noted that sidewalk improvements on Peoria are needed to provide access to the new BRT stops.

Upcoming Events

- September 5, 2019 Urban Data Pioneers Fall 2019 Cohort Kickoff
- September 16, 2019 Infrastructure Committee
- September 21, 2019 Turkey Mountain Cleanup and Trail Work
- October 2, 2019 National Walk to School Day
- October 3, 2019 Wild Turkey Fundraiser for River Parks
- October 3, 2019 Next BPAC Meeting
- October 21, 2019 Infrastructure Committee
- October 25-26, 2019 Oklahoma Bike Summit

Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Attachments

- Agenda
- Minutes of the Meeting of August 1, 2019
- This Machine Flyer
- This Machine System Map
- This Machine Operations July 2018-July 2019