

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:30 p.m. Fire Alarm Building

Citizen Representatives

Present

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

Absent

Ken Graham
Larry Mitchell
Adam Vanderburg

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Philip Berry, Tulsa Planning Office
Nick Doctor, City of Tulsa
Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council
Tim Stendel, Tulsa Police Dept.
Jane Ziegler, INCOG

Absent

Kurt Kraft, City of Tulsa Traffic
Luisa Krug, Tulsa Health Dept.
Matt Liechti, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs.
Stephen Noel-Place, Tulsa Hub
J.T. Paganelli, Tulsa Planning Office
Gary Percefull, Tulsa Public Schools
Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept.
Chase Phillips, INCOG
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs.
Robert Swain, TPS Law Enforcement
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Shelby Tempin, ODOT
Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share

Call to Order

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. He thanked the Tulsa Fire Alarm Museum for the use of the space and reminded the members that the building is available for events for up to 49 people. He announced that he, Mitchell and Graham staffed a BPAC information table at the Good News Summit earlier in the day.

Accomplishments

- The new fire stations adjacent to the Liberty Trail in Broken Arrow will have public restrooms.
- Construction has begun to convert Boulder Avenue to two-way with southbound only bike lane.
- Oklahoma is one of a majority of states with laws requiring safe passing of bicyclists.

Crash Data

In January, a pedestrian was killed at 31st and Mingo by a motorist turning right on red.

Drummond shared Tulsa Police Department crash data in dashboard format and a map of crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians 2012-2017. He will share the link with the members so they may explore the data.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2019, were approved by consensus.

INCOG Update

City of Tulsa Ordinance Revisions. Ziegler explained that she and Drummond met with Pat Volden and Sarah Davidson of the City of Tulsa to discuss revisions to city ordinances:

- Pedestrian and bike detours in construction zones
- Prohibition on road construction signs obstructing sidewalks
- Requiring cyclists to have only one hand on handlebars instead of two to align with state statute.
- Definition of business district as it relates to the prohibition at cycling on sidewalks. Members suggested “dismount zone” signage is needed to communicate these locations to cyclists and law enforcement.
- Allowing cycling on sidewalks by children in business districts. Although a maximum age of 15 was discussed, the members ultimately agreed to support a maximum age of 12.
- Eliminating references to non-existent Director of Public Works from Title 37
- Changing the strict prohibition against allowing children under 12 to play in the street to include language related to negligence.

State of Oklahoma Legislative Update. Ziegler explained that INCOG is watching five bills making their way through Oklahoma State Legislature:

- **SB445.** Comprehensive bicycling bill including increased fines for a crash involving injury, increased fines for a crash involving a fatality, Idaho stop, and dead red. Allows vehicles to cross double yellow line to pass bicyclists under certain conditions. Does not include five-foot passing requirement or harassment, but does include language requiring vehicles to move to parallel travel lane when overtaking a cyclist.
- **HB1265.** Adds three classifications of e-bikes to Oklahoma state law. City of Tulsa ordinances already include these classifications.
- **HB2453.** Same as SB445.
- **HB1105.** Allows motorized scooters and bicycles to be parked on sidewalks if they are not impeding passage of pedestrians. City of Tulsa ordinances already allow this.
- **HB337.** Redefines mopeds and allows operation on streets if allowed by the municipality and on roads if allowed by the county

Action Item: The group agreed that Mitchell will draft and send a letter of support for SB445 and HB2453 from BPAC.

Action Item: Ziegler will let BPAC members know when to contact legislators on committees to support SB445 and HB2453.

Outreach and Advocacy

Webster explained that he is seeking ways to translate the “in the weeds” conversations at BPAC meetings to stories that the general public can understand. He plans to purchase materials and equipment to do interactive displays at public events like First Friday. Drummond explained that private donations are being sought to pay for the needed items, which should cost only a few hundred dollars.

Art Alley. Webster plans to reach out to Libby Billings whose “art alley” project has been funded by TYPros Foundation. He hopes that BPAC and TYPros Urbanist Crew can work together to educate people about bicycle and pedestrian issues. Meek told the group that

TYPros 2019 Street Cred event at the new Art Alley is April 29. Drummond let Webster know that BPAC's Isaiah Persson is on the TYPros Art Alley committee.

Infrastructure Committee

Next Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Leigh announced that the next Infrastructure Committee meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Drummond's office at 6th and Lansing. Topics to be discussed:

- Guidelines for where bike lanes should be installed and where they are not needed.
- Preferred buffer location between the bike lane and the travel lane or between the bike lane and parked cars.

CoT DCC BPAC Meetings. Leigh reported that monthly GO Plan Implementation meetings including representatives of the City of Tulsa, BPAC, and the Downtown Coordinating Council are becoming more productive as the group builds trust and participants become more willing to share suggestions and concerns.

Doctor explained the group is currently working on the configuration of the bike lane on Archer. GO Plan funds will be used to remove curb bump outs, widen the sidewalks and change angled parking to parallel.

Special Events is working on a plan to keep bike lanes on 3rd Street clear during special events at the BOK Arena.

Kurtz reported that the Detroit bike lane is being extended to Archer.

Bike Box Recommendation. Leigh reported that Garner Engineering is designing bike boxes at every intersection on streets with bike infrastructure. He suggested that so many bike boxes might exacerbate "bikelash." He asked the members whether they thought that bike boxes should be reserved for intersections with other streets with bike infrastructure only.

2019 Goal Review and Discussion

Drummond led an exercise in which he asked members to indicate where BPAC lies along the spectrum Advisory:Advocate:Activist.

Other Business

Bike/pedestrian Safety Mural. Ziegler announced that INCOG will fund a mural in downtown. on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Pedestrian Safety Shoe Display. Ziegler announced that the pedestrian safety shoe display will be moved from TU to the OU-Tulsa Library.

Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Attachments

Agenda

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BPAC 2019 Goals and Objective Exercise Summary

BPAC 2019 Proposed Goals and Objectives