

Minutes of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 1, 2019 6:00 p.m. Fire Alarm Building

Citizen Representatives

Present

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

Absent

Ken Graham
Larry Mitchell

Institutional Advisor Representatives

Present

Alana Tipton, Tulsa Bike Share
Katie Sawicki, Tulsa Bike Share
Jane Ziegler, INCOG

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
Paulina Baeza, INCOG
John Tankard, Tulsa Planning Office
Chase Phillips, INCOG
Emma Oakes, Tulsa Planning Office
Brent Stout, City of Tulsa Engineering Svcs
Isaiah Persson, Tulsa Health Dept.
Brian Kurtz, Downtown Coord. Council

Guests

Brendan Hill
Farhad Daroga

Call to Order

Drummond called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. He welcomed Katie Sawicki, the new Executive Director of This Machine/Tulsa Bike Share, and Farhad Daroga, a planner in Broken Arrow. The members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

ACTION: The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2019, were approved with corrections.

Accomplishments

Urban Data Pioneers. Drummond reported that Urban Data Pioneers will include a study of crashes involving pedestrians in their projects for 2019-2020. Volunteers who are

knowledgeable about data analytics or who want to learn more are welcome to participate. The kickoff meeting for the next cohort will be September 5, 2019.

Construction Sign Enforcement. Drummond learned recently that Fix Our Streets contracts include \$1000/day fines for blocking driveways, not having an English-speaking employee on site, and blocking a sidewalk with construction signs. He encouraged members to report violations via the 311 app.

Pedestrian Deaths. Drummond reminded the members that 8 pedestrians have been killed in crashes in Tulsa so far this year.

INCOG Updates

Trail Branding. Ziegler invited members to participate in a trail branding focus group especially for them on September 5, 2019, 4:15-5:15 p.m. at INCOG in the large conference room. A focus group for the general public will be held the same evening.

Action Item: Drummond will resend the email invitation with the link to RSVP.

Travel with Care. Ziegler invited members to submit their stories along with a photograph to be used on the travelwithcare.com site. Why do you ride instead of drive? What are the benefits? What are the drawbacks? Stories should be one page or less in Word format and may be submitted via email to Ziegler. Tipton suggested that short videos might be more effective than text for reaching younger users.

Bike Lane Education Cards. Ziegler reported that Kurz will finish the design of the bike lane education cards. INCOG will print 500 of each of the 4 designs and distribute them to BPAC members who are invited to deploy them in the community.

Infrastructure Committee

Recommended GO Plan Updates. Leigh shared a letter to Leichti recommending changes to the GO Plan. Ziegler explained that the deadline for the City of Tulsa to recommend changes to INCOG is August 14, 2019.

ACTION: The members approved the letter with correction of a typographical error.

Archer Bike Lanes. Leigh reported that he will have an update on remediation of the Archer bike lanes after the meeting with DCC and the City of Tulsa on August 5, 2019. Although promised, no bollards have yet been placed in the one-foot buffers.

Cherry Street Rehabilitation Project. Leigh reported that work will start soon on Cherry Street and wondered how to advocate for reduction in curb radii. Drummond suggested that the window for changes to the Cherry Street project has passed, but the Implementation Committee should lobby for a change to curb radii design practices going forward.

Community Outreach and Education

IRONMAN Opportunities. Drummond explained that Ironman will hold a full Ironman race in Tulsa for three years beginning in May 2020. The event is expected to attract 1200-1500 athletes. Participants will come to Tulsa from all over the world to train and race in the roads in the area. The run course will be held on the East Bank River Parks trails. Mitch suggested placement of semi-permanent signs along the bike course to alert drivers to the presence of cyclists. He will bring up the issue at the DCC/City of Tulsa meeting on August 5, 2019. He asked members to send him their suggestions for ways to leverage the event to promote the goals of BPAC.

Scooters. The group discussed recent inaccurate reporting on the new scooter ordinances by Channel 2. The new ordinances reduce the age for scooter users to 16, prohibit scooters on sidewalks in business districts, and prohibit more than one person on a single scooter. Drummond reported that DCC plans to add scooter emblems to the bike lanes. The City of Tulsa is considering redirecting some scooter revenue from infrastructure to education.

Other Modes in Bike Lanes. Hill and Webster described groups of runners using the bike lanes. Leigh reminded the members that when the bike lane ordinances were established, it was decided that they should be less restrictive rather than more restrictive to avoid creating additional barriers for active transportation users.

Restrictions on Trails for Special Events. The members expressed concern that the City of Tulsa and Rivers Parks regularly closes public trail access for special events, especially on weekends when the trails are used most heavily. Should BPAC begin a conversation about how to accommodate recreational and commuter users during special events?

Broken Arrow Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure

Farhad Daroga, Special Projects Manager for the Development Services Department in Broken Arrow, described trail development and other bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the City of Broken Arrow. He explained that cities are beginning to grapple with the challenges of multiple transportation modes competing for curb space. Broken Arrow is working to implement the GO Plan and to convert all arterials to complete streets. In addition, Broken Arrow is leveraging connections between neighborhoods with low-speed, low-use streets to provide connectivity without requiring cyclists and pedestrians to use arterials. Pathways to Health and other grant funds have been used to place signage along these routes.

Improve Our Tulsa

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Upcoming Events

August 14, 2019	BPAC Focus Group for Regional Trail Branding
August 20, 2019	Jenks First Day of School
August 21, 2019	BA/TPS/Union First Day of School
September 5, 2019	Next BPAC Meeting
September 5, 2019	Urban Data Pioneers Fall 2019 Cohort Kickoff

Adjournment

Drummond adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Attachments

Agenda

Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2019

Draft Letter to Matt Leichti re GO Plan Update Recommendations