

CITY OF AUSTIN
BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
MEETING SUMMARY

City Hall, Staff Bull Pen
301 W. 2nd Street
September 17, 2013
6:00PM

PARTICIPANTS:

Allison Kaplan – BAC Chair
Tommy Eden – BAC Vice Chair
Noni Jarnagin – Alt BAC

Tom Thayer – BAC
Mike Kase – BAC
Eileen Nehme – BAC

Chris LeBlanc - BAC
Tom Wald - Alt BAC
Nick Warrenchuk - BAC

GUESTS:

Patrick Jones
Gonzalo Camacho

David Orr
Andrew Hartford

Mike Cospers
Tom Hilde

STAFF PRESENT:

Nadia Barrera
Jim Dale

Robert Anderson
Terry Jungman

Jeremy Wall

1. Introductions – Ms. Kaplan begins the meeting with introductions.
2. Review and Approval of August Minutes – Mr. Kase made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Jarnagin seconded. The minutes are approved. Mr. Eden abstains.
3. Items from BAC –
 - **Briefing and Possible Action** - South Lamar Cycletracks – Ms. Nehme gives a recap of ThinkBike. She questions whether there been any work to retain ROW to develop South Lamar to Sub-Chapter E standards. Ms. Nehme has reviewed the scope of work for the South Lamar Corridor Study. The language does not specify the level of accommodation for cyclists within the corridor and does not anticipate a modal shift. Mr. LeBlanc states that he also participated in the event and believes a two-way cycletrack on even one side of Lamar would be a good thing. Ms. Nehme states that currently cyclists use the wide sidewalks and that a separate place for cyclists would be preferred. Mr. LeBlanc asks what is left in the process. Ms. Nehme states that seeing the preservation of the ROW based on the results of ThinkBike would be preferred. Mr. Wald asks Ms. Barrera if staff has worked with developers to accommodate cycletracks. Ms. Barrera will check with Mr. Dusza. Mr. Wald states that the BAC embraces in the Vision of ThinkBike and that developers should accommodate the Vision as much as possible. Ms. Kaplan suggests reminding the community to remember ThinkBike and that we are losing the vision week by week and inch by inch, and we need to act now to preserve ROW. Mr. LeBlanc moves that:

“the BAC supports the ThinkBike Vision for South Lamar and strongly encourages the City to actively work to preserve the necessary right of way to achieve that Vision, as development on South Lamar continues.” seconded by Ms. Nehme. The motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Nehme asks if South Lamar from Riverside Drive to Barton Springs Road could be included in the Cycletrack Amendment. Mr. Wilkes will report on the potential of

cycletracks at this location at the next meeting. Mr. Eden would like to know the status of the gap in the current bike lanes on South Lamar. Mr. Kase would like to know how the South Lamar facility will feed into Manchaca Road bicycle improvements.

- **Elections** – Ms. Barrera will send out the application this week and will give the applicants one month to submit the applications. The subcommittee will meet in November, review the applications, and will provide a recommendation at the beginning of the meeting in November. Mr. Warrenchuk, Mr. Jarnagin, Ms. Nehme, and Mr. Thayer volunteer to sit on the election subcommittee.

4. Items from staff –

- **Briefing and Possible Action** - PAC Bylaws – Mr. Anderson reports back on the results of the previous UTC meeting. The UTC would like to support the BAC and PAC. This may include a briefing to the UTC by the PAC and BAC. Ms. Kaplan states that she has examined the proposed PAC bylaws as well as the existing BAC bylaws and has considered how the appropriate language could define the relationship between the UTC and the BAC/PAC. Ms. Kaplan states that the UTC could benefit from the BAC, but the BAC does not necessarily need support from the UTC. Mr. Orr states that either Chair of the BAC/PAC could request a presentation to the UTC. Mr. Wald does not foresee this as a problem and predicts that UTC would not have an issue adding BAC/PAC issues to the UTC agenda. Mr. Eden states that what is more important than the bylaws is the way the two groups actually interact. He suggests developing the relationship prior to amending the bylaws. Mr. Eden states that the group could designate a representative to attend the UTC and give presentations as needed. Mr. Anderson states that the idea is that the UTC and the PAC would like to create a collaborative working relationship. Mr. Jones asks if the BAC is considering using Section 1 of the PAC draft bylaws for the use of the BAC. Mr. Wald states that it makes sense for the BAC to have language similar to the PAC on how they interact with the UTC. Mr. Cosper asks why the UTC does not simply appoint a member of the Bike/Ped Sub-Committee attend the BAC/PAC meetings. Mr. LeBlanc clarifies that the draft PAC bylaws state that the PAC members would only need to present to the UTC as requested by the PAC Chair. Mr. Kase states that it sounds as though the UTC Bike/Ped subcommittee is not as engaged as they could be. He suggests asking UTC members to be members of the PAC/BAC. Mr. Kase states that he believes the relationship should be initiated by the UTC, not the BAC. Mr. Orr suggests that BAC members consider attending UTC meetings and focus on the half they can control and encourage the future leadership of the BAC continue to work with the UTC. Ms. Kaplan states that she was at the UTC meeting where they were debating this issue. She is sure that they did not develop any specific language. However, the group does recognize that the issues coming to the BAC are not coming to the UTC and that overall, the UTC would like to hear more issues come from the BAC. Mr. Kase states that changing the BAC bylaws is not necessary at this time. Ms. Kaplan confirms that the “Purpose” of the existing BAC bylaws already support working with the UTC specifically. Mr. Wald moves that:
“The BAC Chair appoints someone to periodically report topics to the UTC.” Mr. Eden seconds.

Mr. Wald continues that the BAC has not necessarily done this thus far, but the BAC bylaws allow for this communication. Mr. Anderson states that formalizing a policy would facilitate allowing presentations by the BAC at the UTC. Mr. Wald states that if it has not already been done, the UTC should be made aware that approved minutes and agendas are available on-line. Ms. Kaplan would like to make an amendment to Mr. Wald's motion in that the minutes and agenda of the BAC should also be sent to the Chair of the UTC for their information, and that they should be reminded that these documents are available on-line. Mr. Wald would also like the representative from the BAC who reported to the UTC brief the BAC on that briefing. Mr. Kase asks how the BAC asks the UTC to present relevant information to the BAC. Ms. Kaplan states that they will be adding that language to the UTC bylaws.

Mr. Warrenchuk suggests an amendment from "someone" to "BAC member." Mr. Wald accepts the amendment and Mr. Eden seconds. Mr. Wald then states the motion would be:

"The BAC Chair appoints a BAC member or alternate to periodically report topics to the UTC." Mr. Eden seconds.

The group approves the motion.

5. Announcements:

- Subcommittee meeting this Monday from 6-8pm on the 13th floor regarding the APD stinging now in its second phase which will be targeting cyclists.
- Future planning efforts – Ms. Barrera give a short description of the plans for November.
- Future outreach efforts – Mr. Wald gives a short update on the Guadalupe Cycletrack outreach efforts, planned for around September 30th and asks for volunteers if anyone is interested.
- Mr. Wald also lets the group know that Bike Austin is seeking board members.
- Mr. Camacho updates the group about the VeloTexas conference on November 21st. The purpose of the workshop will be to work through 10 different intersections. There will be two guests from London who will serve as experts and it will be held at the Thompson Conference Center at UT.
- Ms. Barrera reminds the group about the Tejano Walking Trail efforts.

6. Proposed Items for Future Meetings:

- **Briefing and Possible Action** – Aldrich Street Roundabout – Nathan Wilkes
- Current Plans for Lamar Cycletracks from Riverside to Barton Springs, Gaps in current bike lanes on South Lamar, connection from South Lamar to Manchaca.
- Invite Traffic Signal staff to discuss traffic signal timing and detection along the northern part of Guadalupe near Koenig Lane.
- Language of 3' Law.

7. Mr. Kase motions to adjourn and Mr. Thayer seconds.