



MEETING NOTES

Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting

October 20, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

301 W. 2nd Street City Hall, Staff Bull Pen, Room 1029

PARTICIPANTS:

Christopher Stanton – BAC Chair
Tom Thayer – BAC Vice Chair
David Orr – BAC
Sam Day-Woodruff - Alt BAC

Rebecca Brenneman – Alt BAC
Sophia Benner – BAC
Tom Wald – Alt BAC
Stanton Truxillo – Alt BAC

GUESTS:

John Woodley
Ashok Chandra
Randall Stephens
Todd Kaiser
Bradley Sloan
Tara Mather
Hayden Pigoh
Ashley Ephraim
Arielle Landau
Preston Tyree
Bryan Christian

Eileen Schubert
Hillary Anderson
Rich Hollenbeck
Miller Nuttle
Jesse Adler
Elizabeth Cater
Scott Cater
Patricia Schaub
Kouros Maghsoudi
Becca Gallogly
Rick Schwertfeger

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Dierenfield, ATD
Marissa Monroy, ATD

Alison Mills, ATD
Nathan Wilkes, ATD

1. Introductions

2. Citizen Communication

- Randall Stephens, Resident: Concerned about lack of railing Montopolis Bridge

3. Review and Approval of September Minutes

Laura Dierenfield requested a change to the minutes that would reflect Christopher Stanton as the person who seconded a motion related to the Maintenance Budgeting item from September's minutes.

With the requested change incorporated, David Orr made a motion to approve the minutes. Sophia Benner seconded the motion. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

4. Items from Staff – 6:10 to 6:40

- Discussion and Possible Action: Mesa Drive (Cat Mountain to Far West). Staff Member: Nathan Wilkes

Mr. Wilkes explained the public process regarding work being conducted along Mesa Drive. The original project proposal that was brought to the community included restricting parking on the west side of Mesa Drive for the length of the project to provide parking-free bicycle lanes. Local stakeholder feedback resulted in a second proposal of restricted parking on the west side of Mesa Drive south of Knollwood Drive and restricted parking on the east side of Mesa Drive north of Knollwood Drive. This proposal maintained parking-free bicycle lanes and was further discussed at a second meeting. While there was some support raised for the proposal, staff received strong feedback that having access to on-street parking on both sides of the street outweighs having a parking-free bicycle facility in this location. Under the current and revised proposal, on-street motor vehicle parking would be allowed on both sides of Mesa and the existing bicycle lane would be converted to a wide shoulder that would serve both on-street parking and non-motorized street users.

David Orr made the following motion, seconded by Sophia Benner: The BAC supports a solution that includes bicycle lanes with either parking restricted or bicycle lanes without parking. 5 BAC members voted for the motion; 0 BAC members opposed; and 2 BAC members abstained.

- Discussion and Possible Action: Feedback on Dean Keeton striping changes. Staff member: Nathan Wilkes

Mr. Wilkes discussed design changes along the Dean Keeton buffered bike lane, near I-35. Changes include the installation of flex posts and ramp crossings designed so that vehicles must slow down and bicyclists are provided with a waiting area before crossing.

No action taken.

- Discussion and Possible Action: Protected bicycle lane on Shady Lane. Staff member: Nathan Wilkes

Mr. Wilkes briefed the BAC on a proposal to implement a two-way protected bike lane along Shady Lane from East 7th Street to Airport Boulevard. In addition to adding bicycle lanes on Shady Lane, on-street parking would be prohibited at certain locations.

No action taken.

- Discussion and Possible Action: Protected Bicycle Lane on Lakeshore Drive. Staff member: Alison Mills

Ms. Mills informed the BAC that ATD staff is looking at implementing a two-way protected bike lane along Lakeshore Drive. This project would also remove parking on the south side of Lakeshore Drive. Other design elements include bus platforms and mid-block pedestrian crossings with islands. ATD staff is beginning the public outreach process.

No action taken.

5. Membership Elections – 6:40 to 7:40

- Brief Remarks by Candidates
- Report from the Membership & Nomination Subcommittee Chair

Tom Thayer, nomination subcommittee chair, discussed the role of the group as an advisory committee, as opposed to an advocacy committee. Mr. Thayer said the subcommittee highly valued existing commitment to the

BAC. Mr. Thayer also said no one applied from Districts 2 or 10. The subcommittee made the following recommendations:

Full Member Recommendations:

- David Orr
- Patricia Schaub
- Sophia Benner
- Peter Wall
- Rebecca Brenneman
- Tommy Eden

Alternate Member Recommendations:

- Tom Wald
- Hilary Anderson
- Miller Nuttle
- Marcus Horton
- Tara Mather
- Thomas Butler

- Voting Process

6. Items from BAC – 7:40 to 7:50

- Report and Possible Action: Electronic Bike Subcommittee Report

Item postponed.

7. Membership Election Results & Nomination of Officers – 7:50-8:00

Full members:

- David Orr
- Hilary Anderson
- Miller Nuttle
- Rebecca Brenneman
- Sophia Benner
- Tommy Eden

Alternate member:

- Marcus Horton
- Patricia Schaub
- Peter Wall
- Tara Mather
- Thomas Butler
- Tom Wald

Chair: Tom Thayer

Vice Chair: Sophia Benner

8. Announcements/Adjourn – 8:00

- Mr. Wilkes announced that there will be a community meeting about proposed mobility safety improvements on E. 51st Street (Manor Road to HW 183). Meeting will take place on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Windsor Park Library.
- Christopher Stanton updated the BAC on an initiative to help seniors ride tricycles.
- Mr. Orr announced that a fellow bicyclist told him the textured markings on 360 was not installed the way TxDOT officials discussed it would be installed.