



**Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Summary
July 19th, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
301 W. 2nd Street City Hall Room 1027**

BAC PARTICIPANTS:

Tom Thayer, BAC Chair
Sophia Benner, BAC Vice Chair
Miller Nuttle, BAC
Tommy Eden, BAC

Rebecca Brenneman, BAC
Mike Sledge, BAC
Patricia Schaub, BAC Alt.
Tom Wald, BAC Alt.

GUESTS:

Preston Tyree, Trike'N
Malcom Yeatts, EROC NPA
Sounthaly Outhavong
Scott Johnson, Citizen
John Woodley

Christopher Stanton
Robert Deegan
Garrett Martin
Jeff Howard

STAFF:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department
Rhenannon Cunningham, Austin Police Department

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Tom Thayer.

1. Introductions

2. Citizen Communication

- Malcom Yeatts - Shared his priorities for improving cycling connections at Roy G. Guerrero Park in the interim time before the structurally destroyed bridge over the actively eroding channel is replaced there. These included posting maps on social media, posting signage within the park itself, and applying for a grant to improve a low water crossing in the park.
- Rhenannon Cunningham – Cunningham will be the first Austin Police Department (APD) officer dedicated to bicycle safety, and will be initially focusing on actively enforcing vehicle passing distances to ensure cyclist safety.

3. Review and Approval of June Meeting Notes

Meeting Summary unanimously approved.

4. Items from Community:

- A. Community First! Village Bicycle Hub and connections to Southern Walnut Creek Trail – Discussion and Possible Action**

Christopher Stanton, Executive Director & Founder of Ghisallo Cycling Initiative, gave the BAC an update on the bicycle maintenance space and lending library located at the Community First! Village in northeast Austin. More information can be found here: <http://ghisallo.org/blog/community-first-village-bicycle-hub/>

BAC members discussed the lack of bicycle facilities along Decker Lane and Loyola Lane to connect the community to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail. BAC members collaborated to draft recommendation language in support of Travis County systematically planning for bicycling in unincorporated areas, such as connecting the Community First! Village to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail via Loyola Lane.

Action taken: The recommendation passed unanimously on Tom Wald's motion and Miller Nuttle's second. The recommendation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

5. Items from BAC:

A. The Grove at Shoal Creek– Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation was made by Robert Deegan of Norris Design, Garrett Martin of ARG Bull Creek, and Jeff Howard of McLean & Howard which focused on the connectivity and mobility elements of the proposed development. The presentation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm. A list of "Bike/Ped Improvements" can be found on Slide 19 in particular.

Members of the BAC discussed the bicycle and pedestrian facilities included in the plans for the proposed development, focusing on ways that pedestrian and bicycle access, mobility and safety could be further improved.

Tom Wald brought forth draft recommendation language in support of "the planned unit development (PUD) with the following understanding: That the developer include an 8' shared-use bike-pedestrian path and 7' on street protected bike lane along Bull Creek Road adjacent to the development, and that the developer and City of Austin will revisit the BAC prior to site plan approval to determine the most preferred configuration for northbound bicycle traffic on Bull Creek Road, up to and including the intersection at 45th street. The BAC supports protected bikeways on both sides of Jackson Avenue."

Action taken: The recommendation passed unanimously on Tom Wald's motion and Miller Nuttle's second. The recommendation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

B. Proposed November 2016 Mobility Bond Program – Discussion and Possible Action

Members of the BAC discussed the City Council [resolution](#) from June 23rd that directed the City Manager to develop recommended proposition language for council consideration by August 11, 2016 for placement on the November 2016 ballot, as well as and the Pedestrian Advisory Council's [recommendation](#) regarding the proposed bond program passed on July 5th.

Tom Thayer brought forth draft recommendation language in support of recommending that all corridor and highway projects included in the bond package improve bicycle safety and mobility and be built as Complete Streets in compliance with the City of Austin's Complete Streets ordinance.

Action taken: The recommendation passed unanimously on Tom Thayer's motion and Mike Sledge's second. The recommendation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

C. 183 N Subcommittee Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: Postponed due to time constraints.

6. Future Items/Announcements/Adjourn

- 183 North Subcommittee Report will be discussed at the regular August meeting. Subcommittee chair Tom Wald will send out draft recommendations.
- Sophia Benner will attend a Capital Metro Project Connect meeting.
- Miller Nuttle announced Bike Austin's upcoming North Austin and Dove Springs Ciclovía events (which will take place August 27th and September 24th, respectively.)

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:30 pm by the BAC Chair.