



**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2016  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street City Hall Room 1027**

**BAC PARTICIPANTS:**

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

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

**GUESTS:**

John Woodley, ADA  
Malcom Yeatts  
Jon Brewer

Kelsey Brewer  
Katie Deoloz  
Kelan Robinson, Land Use Solutions

**STAFF:**

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

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

**1. Introductions**

**2. Citizen Communication**

- Malcom Yeatts - Shared an update on his effort to apply for grants for projects that would improve cycling connections at Roy G. Guerrero Park during the interim time before the structurally destroyed bridge over the actively eroding channel is replaced there, including an Austin Parks Foundation grant to install wayfinding signage and a Neighborhood Partnering Program grant to cover part of a disc golf course trail with decomposed granite. Will ask for a letter of support from the BAC for both grants.

**3. Review and Approval of July Meeting Summary**

Meeting Summary unanimously approved as corrected.

**4. Items from Community:**

**A. East 6th Street Improvements Project – Discussion and Possible Action–  
Discussion and Possible Action**

Kelan Robinson, Project Coordinator at Land Use Solutions gave the presentation. Land Use Solutions is representing the business owners in the East Sixth Street Public Improvement District (PID). Land Use Solutions is proposing a concept for a streetscape project on East Sixth Street that would temporarily redesign the street

through a tactical urbanist approach by using inexpensive materials, such as paint and planters, to create back-in angled parking space, a protected bike lane, and pedestrian facilities on the street.

The following discussion among BAC members focused on the level of specificity or prescriptiveness appropriate for a BAC recommendation in support of the project given City staff's concerns with the proposed design, the proposed bike lane protected by back-in angle parking, consideration of pedicabs, and traffic patterns on the street currently.

Sophia Benner moved adoption of a recommendation which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows: "RESOLVED, that the BAC supports continued collaboration between Land Use Solutions, East 61st Street Austin Board, ATD, City of Austin, and other stakeholders to design an all ages and abilities bicycle facility and additional pedestrian space while maintaining flexible use of the space. The BAC supports short and long term design approaches."

**Action taken:** The recommendation passed unanimously on Sophia Benner's motion and Tommy Eden's second, with Tom Wald abstaining. The recommendation can be found here:

[https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards\\_commissions/meetings/110\\_1.htm](https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm)

## **5. Items from BAC:**

### **A. Formation of the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee– Discussion and Possible Action**

The BAC bylaws state that "a membership subcommittee shall be formed to review applicants' qualifications and make recommendations for membership" and that "the subcommittee shall report at the September meeting."

David Orr, Mike Sledge, Miller Nuttle, Patricia Schaub, and Rebecca Brenneman volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Emily Smith will arrange for their meeting and the subcommittee will report back in September.

### **B. 183 North Subcommittee Report – Discussion and Possible Action**

Tom Wald gave a recap of the BAC 183 North Technical Subcommittee's meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> with CTRMA, CAMPO, and TxDOT staff, including CAMPO's announcement regarding the development of Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between CAMPO and CTRMA to support the Near Northwest Corridor – Connections Case Study as part of the 2045 Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Tom Wald presented draft language for BAC recommendations related to the U.S. 183 North Project specifically as well as to CTRMA/TxDOT as lessons learned, which were adopted after debate and amendment.

**Action taken:** The recommendations 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](https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm).

Emily Smith will share the document with the staff that attending the subcommittee meeting in June.

### **C. Amendment of BAC bylaws – Discussion and Possible Action**

BAC members discussed a potential amendment to the BAC bylaws that would clarify how BAC members may place an item on a BAC agenda. Tom Thayer volunteered to prepare draft language for the amendment, which will be discussed, amended and then voted on by the eligible voting members present at the regular September meeting.

### **D. CodeNEXT, PAC, and BAC – Discussion and Possible Action**

Tom Wald described a motion passed by the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) at their August meeting, which was adopted as follows: "The PAC motions to extend an invitation to Opticos Design to meet with the Pedestrian Advisory Council to discuss the CodeNEXT process and how the PAC can provide input most effectively, and extend an invitation to the Bicycle Advisory Council to co-participate."

Tom Wald moved BAC adoption of a motion which, after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows: "The BAC concurs with the PAC's motion of August 8th, 2016 and requests a direct engagement opportunity with the CodeNEXT consultant Opticos in collaboration with the PAC."

**Action taken:** The motion passed unanimously on Tom Wald's motion and Mike Sledge's second.

Emily Smith will share this language with the CodeNEXT team in the Planning and Zoning Department.

## **6. Future Items/Announcements/Adjourn**

*This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by BAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future BAC agenda. These items will not be discussed by the BAC as part of this current agenda.*

- Membership and Nomination Subcommittee report-back (September)
- Connections 2025 Draft Service Plan (September)
- Roy Guerrero Trail Repair (September)
- Amendment of BAC bylaws (September)
- Membership elections (October)
- Drive-through facility ordinance
- Bike lane maintenance
- Design and placement of bike racks

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:05 pm by BAC Chair Tom Thayer.