



**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 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  
Tomasita Louviere-Ligons, BAC  
Samuel Day-Woodruff, BAC Alt.

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

**GUESTS:**

Rebecca Gallogly  
Katie Deoloz  
John Woodley, ADA  
Tom Rowlinson  
Mark Walters

Brianna Frey  
Louis Alcorn  
Alicia Santiago  
Larry Murphy, Friends of Bike Route 31  
Teresa Anderson

**STAFF:**

Robert Moore, Austin Code Department  
Sangeeta Jain, Development Services Department  
Jen Samp, Austin Transportation Department  
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by BAC Chair Tom Thayer.

**1. Introductions**

**2. Citizen Communication**

- Rebecca Gallogly: shared ideas for improving bike routes in South Austin and across the city. In favor of implementing the "Idaho stop", a law that allows cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light as a stop sign, in the City of Austin.

**3. Review and Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes unanimously approved on Tomasita Louviere-Ligons' motion and Mike Sledge's second.

**4. Items from BAC:**

**A. BAC 2016-2018 Elections – Discussion and Possible Action**

Each candidate present had 1 minute to give a statement, and then a secret ballot voting process was facilitated by staff in accordance with the BAC bylaws. The elections results are below:

- Full Members (2 year terms)
  - Tomasita Louviere-Ligons
  - Tom Wald
  - Kathryn Flowers
- Alternate Members (2 year terms)
  - Alicia Santiago
  - Tom Thayer
  - Stanton Truxillo
  - Teresa Anderson

- Katie Deollos
- Alternate Members (1 year terms)
  - Louis Alcorn
  - Brianna Frey
  - Jeremy Hernandez
- Chair: Sophia Benner
- Vice Chair: Tomasita Louviere-Ligons

(Note: Sophia Benner, David Orr, Miller Nuttle, Tommy Eden, Rebecca Brenneman, and Mike Sledge are continuing their full member terms into 2017, and Patricia Shaub and Pete Wall are continuing their alternate member terms into 2017.)

Updated membership information can now be found on the BAC's [webpage](#). Staff liaison Emily Smith will add newly elected members to the BAC Google Group and work with the newly elected chairs to organize an orientation meeting for the new membership.

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

BAC Chair Tom Thayer presented draft language to replace the current language under Article IV, Section 2B of the Bylaws of the Bicycle Advisory Council.

The current language reads "Bicycle Program staff shall be responsible for meeting minutes, establishing, and distributing the meeting agenda."

The proposed amendment would revise the language to read "Any BAC member or alternate may propose an item to be on a future agenda by oral or written request. City staff may also place items on the agenda. Staff will consult with the BAC chair to create each monthly agenda and to decide which requested items are placed on each agenda. The BAC chair will approve each final agenda. Staff will be responsible for distributing each agenda and meeting minutes."

**Action taken:** A motion to set the final wording of the proposed amendment was approved unanimously on Pete Wall's motion and Tomasita Louviere-Ligons' second. Per the bylaws, the proposed amendment will be voted on with a two thirds majority of the eligible voting members present needed for passage at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the BAC.

## **C. Ordinance § 25-2-813 – Drive-Through Facility – Discussion and Possible Action**

John Woodley summarized his recent experience of being refused service at a drive through business while on his bike, and his perspective that such practices allow businesses to discriminate against people with disabilities and certain modes of travel. Sangeeta Jain of the Development Services Department and Robert Moore of the Austin Code Department were present to answer questions regarding how Section 25-2-813 of the Land Development Code is currently interpreted and enforced by City staff in regards to new developments and site plans.

**Action taken:** A motion stating that "The BAC requests that city staff, including Austin Transportation, Planning and Zoning, Law, and others provide a report looking into how the City of Austin can require that businesses offer bicycle access concurrently with motor vehicle access in a drive-through." passed unanimously after debate and amendment on Tom Wald's motion and Mike Sledge's second.

## **5. Future Items**

*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 were not discussed by the BAC as part of this current agenda.*

- New membership orientation (before November)
- Amendment of BAC bylaws (November)
- Bike lane maintenance (November)
- Vinson Drive (November)
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Active Transportation Division projects and accomplishments (December)
- Design and placement of bike racks
- Bicycle access at drive through facilities

## **6. Announcements/Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:53 pm by BAC Chair Tom Thayer.