



**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016
301 W. 2nd Street City Hall Room 1027**

BAC PARTICIPANTS:

Tom Thayer, BAC Chair
Sophia Benner, BAC Vice Chair
David Orr, 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.
Kathryn Flowers, BAC Alt.

GUESTS:

Lizzie Welch, Citizen
Malcolm Yeatts, EROC Contact Team
Katie Deoloz, Citizen
Heather Houser, BAC applicant
Doug Boyer, Citizen
Tom Rowlinson

Briana Frey, Citizen/BAC applicant
Dave Obermann, Citizen/BAC applicant
John Woodley, ADA
Mark Walters
Louis Alcorn
Alicia Santiago, BAC applicant

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

- Doug Boyer: presented concerns related to the Pedernales two-way protected bike lane. He stated that he and his family use this facility daily and appreciate the new infrastructure. He suggested several improvements to limit bicycle-vehicle interactions and asked the BAC to consider adding a future agenda item for further discussion.

3. Review and Approval of August Meeting Summary

Meeting minutes unanimously approved.

4. Items from Community:

A. Connections 2025 Draft Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Caitlin D'Alton of Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority gave a presentation, which included What We've Heard, Plan Design Principles, Service Options – Mobility Toolbox, Proposed Plan, Rapid Transit, MetroRapid, Frequent Local, Frequent Network, Local, Express, Community, UT Shuttle, Mobility Hubs, Frequent Network Benefits, Ridership Impacts, ADA Impacts, Cost Implications of Proposed Plan, Plan Summary, Community Outreach Strategy, and Next Steps.

No action taken.

B. I-35 through Downtown (Riverside Drive to MLK Boulevard) section of Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project – Discussion and Possible Action

BAC Vice Chair Sophia Benner presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, stated "BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC supports the IH-35 Cut and Cap plan."

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously on Sophia Benner's motion and Mike Sledge's second. The recommendation can be found here:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=264719>.

Sophia Benner also encouraged BAC members and meeting guests to participate in the online open house currently being held for the Central 7-mile Comprehensive Project at <https://central7.mobility35openhouse.com/>.

5. Items from BAC:

A. Roy G. Guerrero Park Trail – Discussion and Possible Action

Malcom Yeatts shared updates 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, as well as his conversations with a local disc golf association concerning disc golf player and cyclist safety in the park.

Malcom Yeatts then presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, stated "BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC requests that the Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Watershed Protection departments and the Active Transportation division of the Austin Transportation Department convene a meeting of stakeholders to choose a temporary alternative route for crossing Country Club Creek for pedestrians, bike riders, and disc golf players until the new bridge is completed."

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously on Kathryn Flowers's motion and Samuel Day-Woodruff's second. The recommendation can be found here:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=264718>.

B. Membership and Nomination Subcommittee Report – 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, Patricia Schaub, and Rebecca Brennenman volunteered to serve on the Membership and Nomination Subcommittee at the BAC's August 16th meeting and they met on September 1st to review the BAC 2016-2018 membership applications.

Mike Sledge shared the subcommittee's recommendations for full and alternate membership. These recommendations can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=264717>. Elections will be held the next regularly scheduled meeting of the BAC.

The subcommittee also recommended that Marcus Horton and Thomas Butler's alternate membership positions be declared vacant due to lack of attendance. The BAC bylaws state that "if any member is absent without good cause from three consecutive regular meetings, the BAC may declare this position vacant."

Action taken: A motion to declare Marcus Horton and Thomas Butler's alternate membership positions vacant passed unanimously on David Orr's motion and Mike Sledge's second.

C. Amendment of BAC bylaws – Discussion and Possible Action

Chair Tom Thayer moved to postpone this item to the BAC's October agenda without objection.

6. 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 will not be discussed by the BAC as part of this current agenda.

- Membership elections (October)
- Drive-through facility ordinance (October)
- Amendment of BAC bylaws (October and November)
- New membership orientation (before November)
- Bike lane maintenance
- Design and placement of bike racks

7. Announcements/Adjourn

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