



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2017 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Sophia Benner.

Full Members in Attendance:

Sophia Benner – Chair
Tomasita Louviere-Ligons – Vice
Chair

Tommy Eden
Kathryn Flowers
David Orr

Mike Sledge
Tom Wald

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Louis Alcorn
Teresa Anderson
Katie Deoloz

Brianna Frey
Jeremy Hernandez
Alicia Santiago

Patricia Schaub
Tom Thayer
Pete Wall

Full Members Absent:

Rebecca Brenneman

Miller Nuttle

Alternate Members Absent:

Stanton Truxillo

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department
(ATD)
Emily Smith, ATD
Ashley Frederick, ATD

Frances Hargrove, ATD
Lee Davila, ATD
Tom Sweeney, Austin Police Department (APD)
Rheannon Cunningham, APD

Guests in Attendance:

Richard Maness
Dave Obermann
Morgan Spencley, Austin Pedicab Company
Adam Finton, Austin Pedicab Company
Matt Maschek, Austin Pedicab Company
John Woodley, ADA

Malcolm Yeatts, East Riverside/Oltorf Combined
Contact Team (EROCC)
Ana Flores
Rafaella Cuneo
Eric Anderson
David Knipp, Movemint Bike Cab

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Richard Maness: Requested more signage along the cycle tracks on Bluebonnet Lane and Barton Hills Drive to prevent turning collisions and requested an future item on a pedestrian and bicycle path under Interstate 35 along Williamson Creek.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved (7-0) on Tommy Eden motion and Pete Wall second. The [approved minutes](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

4. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. Street Closures and Pedicab Access During Special Events – Discussion and Possible Action

Tom Sweeney, Police Lieutenant with the Austin Police Department, Frances Hargrove, Office of Special Events Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, Lee Davila, Infrastructure Operations Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department and Jeremy Hernandez, Bike Coordinator with the University of Texas at Austin Parking and Transportation Services, briefed the BAC on their roles in planning, implementation, and enforcement of traffic plans and street closures for special events and answered questions from BAC members and meeting guests. Staff and BAC members listened to concerns from pedicab drivers in attendance regarding the clarity, consistency, and effectiveness of current practices and discussed potential solutions.

A motion by David Orr stating that “the BAC supports pedicab use at special events and requests that all appropriate City departments and UT departments recognize the safe, clean, convenient service provided to attendees for first and last mile by considering reasonable accommodations so they can operate effectively” failed due to the lack of a second.

No action taken. David Orr will organize a subcommittee meeting to draft recommendation language for the BAC's consideration at their next regular meeting in May.

B. Code Requirements Regarding Bicycle Access at Drive Through Facilities – Discussion and Possible Action

The BAC reviewed a [staff report](#) responding to their action in November requesting that city staff look in to how the City of Austin could require that businesses across the city offer bicycle service concurrently with drive-through and drive-in motor vehicle service. Mike Sledge and Tom Wald recapped the discussion at the recent April 3 meeting of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) regarding pedestrian access at drive-through facilities, at which Greg Dutton of Planning and Zoning, was present to answer remaining questions about Land Development Code Sections 25-2-813 and 25-2-592 and the CodeNEXT process.

No action taken. BAC members were invited to join the PAC Technical Subcommittee's April 19 meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 1027 to begin drafting recommendation language for the full PAC and BAC's consideration at their respective May meetings.

C. The Big Jump Initiative – Briefing

Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager with the Austin Transportation Department, briefed the BAC on the [Big Jump Project](#), a 2017-2020 initiative of the national organization PeopleforBikes. Austin was one of 10 cities selected to work with PeopleforBikes and nine peer cities across the country in order to achieve a “big jump” in the number of people traveling by bicycle in the city's central core. The project's ambitious goal is to double bicycle ridership in three years in Central Austin and make travel by bicycle an even more viable transportation option while expanding the many community benefits that biking brings. Everyone was invited to join the Community Bicycle Infrastructure Tour and Cycling for Cities Film Festival on Thursday, May 11 at Alamo Drafthouse Mueller to kick off Austin's participation in the Big Jump Project.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#). More information about the Big Jump initiative can be found on ATD's [website](#).

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 agenda.

- Code Requirements Regarding Bicycle Access at Drive Through Facilities (May)
- Street Closures and Pedicab Access During Special Events (May)
- Austin B-cycle
- TxDOT and City of Austin roadway maintenance and planning
- Walk + Bike Talks

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

The BAC welcomed Ashley Frederick, the new Vision Zero Outreach Coordinator for the Active Transportation and Street Design Division.

Pete Wall announced that the Yellow Bike Project will celebrate its 20th birthday party on May 27 at the Neill-Cochran House Museum (2310 San Gabriel St.) from 5-10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm by Chair Sophia Benner.