

BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC) TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2018 – 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL – ROOM 1027 301 W. SECOND STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Tomasita Louviere-Ligons.

Full Members in Attendance:

Tomasita Louviere-Ligons (Chair)

Kathryn Flowers (Vice Chair)

Louis Alcorn

Tristan Heinen

Alicia Santiago

Patricia Schaub

Tommy Eden Raquel Marie Ortega

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Katie Deolloz John Koonz Tom Thayer

Christopher Heathcott Eryn Moris

Tom Wald

Alternate Members Absent:

Teresa Anderson Lori Merlino

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)

Mike Schofield, ATD

Guests in Attendance:

Wade Strong, Rodriguez Transportation Group/Texas Bianca Boykin, SCA

Department of Transportation Carmelo Sanchez, Social Cycling NYC

Joe Deshotel, Lime Alexandra Aguilar Ricardo Treviño, Social Cycling Austin (SCA) John Woodley

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Joe Deshotel: introduced himself as Manager of Government Relations and Community Affairs at Lime
- John Woodley: requested that the BAC place the City's Local Area Traffic Management program (LATM) on their agenda again for further discussion
- Katie Deolloz on behalf of; Jim Mauseth; expressed concern regarding motorized vehicles using trails and bike lanes.

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The May 15, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended on Heinen motion, Flowers second on a 9-0 vote. The approved minutes can be found on the BAC's webpage.

4. UPDATE ON FATALITIES IN AUSTIN CAUSED BY TRAFFIC CRASHES

Patricia Schaub read aloud the names of the seven people killed in traffic crashes on Austin streets since the BAC last met: Robert Copeland, Carolyn Conner, Sean Everton Bodie, Brent Treadway, Cheryl Kelly, Jonathan Garcia-Pineda, and Mark Capistran.

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Our Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative – Briefing and Possible Action

David Taylor, Project Manager, Public Works gave a <u>presentation</u> on the <u>Our Congress Avenue Urban Design</u> Initiative. No action taken.

6. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. BAC Bylaws - Discussion and Possible Action

Kathryn Flowers introduced a <u>draft</u> of revisions to the BAC's bylaws that a BAC subcommittee had developed over the past few months for the full BAC's consideration. **Action taken**: A motion to accept the Draft Revised Bylaws of the Bicycle Advisory Council as amended was adopted on Lentz motion, Eden second on a 9-0 vote.

B. Oak Hill Parkway Recommendations – Discussion and Possible Action

Wade Strong, Project Manager for the <u>Oak Hill Parkway Project</u>, briefed the BAC on the project. Tom Thayer presented draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the following:

- That the bicycle and pedestrian accommodations be designed and implemented to serve all ages and abilities.
- That all of the proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements be kept as part of the project no matter how the project changes or is phased.
- That if the project is built in phases, bicycle and pedestrian improvements be built during the first phase so as to render the corridor accessible to active transportation even as construction continues on future phases.
- That the shared-use path along SH 71 be constructed on both sides of the highway from the Y intersection to Scenic Brook Dr. due to the concentration of commercial activity in the shopping centers on both sides of the highway.
- That the shared-use path northwest of Scenic Brook Dr. and SH 71 be constructed on the northeast side of the highway, as this side of the highway has much more commercial activity than the opposite side and provides access to low income housing.
- That signage and ground markings (such as green lanes) that are easily visible be installed where the shareduse paths cross intersecting streets and commercial driveways to alert turning traffic to watch for people biking and walking.
- That the shared-use paths and sidewalks be separated from frontage roads and highway lanes with a four-foot-tall concrete barrier, guardrail, or similar barrier where possible.
- That proposed sidewalks be at least eight feet wide.

Action taken: a motion to approve the <u>recommendation</u> as amended was adopted on Flowers motion, Ortega second on a 9-0 vote.

C. Bike Parking Recommendations – Discussion and Possible Action

Raquel Ortega presented <u>draft recommendation language</u> to the BAC. No action taken. Ortega will lead a subcommittee to further refine the recommendation for consideration at the full BAC's August meeting.

7. UPDATES

- **Pedestrian Advisory Council**: Tom Wald: In May, the PAC received a briefing on Our Congress Avenue and adopted a recommendation regarding sidewalk funding.
- **Urban Transportation Commission**: Emily Smith: in June, the UTC heard briefings on the FY2019 Proposed Budgets for Austin Transportation and Public Works and Our Congress Avenue and adopted a motion recommending the establishment of a Parking Management Strategy around Austin High School along Atlanta Street and Veterans Drive.

8. FUTURE ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

- Tom Wald: On June 28 City Council will accept public input on agenda Item 27: approval of a resolution acknowledging the City Manager's recommended bond package as the Council's starting point for the November 2018 General Obligation Bond Package.
- Katie Deolloz: Encouraged meeting attendees to attend the <u>Juneteenth Eastside Ride</u> on June 23.

Future Items

- BAC Bylaws (July)
- Shoal Creek Trail: Vision and Action Plan (July)
- Duval St design (Heinen; July)
- Bike Parking (Ortega; August)
- Railroad crossings (Eden; August)
- Parking Benefit Districts (Heinen, TBD)
- Public Works sealcoating (Lentz; TBD)
- Congress Avenue bridge (Schaub; TBD)
- Sidewalk Riding Code Changes

9. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Chair Tomasita Louviere-Ligons.