

CITY OF AUSTIN  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)  
MEETING SUMMARY

Double Dave's Pizza  
3000 Duval Street  
December 20, 2012

PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup>:

Allison Kaplan – BAC Chair  
Chris LeBlanc - BAC

Myndi Swanson – BAC  
Nick Warrenchuck - BAC

Noni Jarnagin – Alt BAC  
Tom Wald – Alt BAC

GUESTS:

Rich Hollenbeck  
David Orr

CM Chris Riley  
Michael Cosper

Eileen Schaubert

STAFF PRESENT:

Annick Beaudet

Nathan Wilkes

1. Introductions – Ms. Kaplan begins the meeting with introductions
2. Review and Approval of November Minutes – There were no minutes to approve
3. Items from BAC –
  - Bylaw Changes –
    - i. Moving BAC meeting date - next meeting will vote on wording – change meeting to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Moved to change meeting date on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passes. Meet January 15<sup>th</sup> at bull pen. Discussion to change bylaws will keep suggest/moved by and passed.
    - ii. Secretary position - BAC discussed the need. Staff didn't know the need for staff or for non-staff secretary. Could record meeting. Should the secretary come from the BAC? Ms. Kaplan thinks the position should be held by an alternate member as voting members need to be an active part of the discussion. An amendment to the Bylaws may be needed to form the secretary position. The group discussed forming a committee and determined that a bylaw change would not be needed. Ms. Beaudet proposes a delegate secretary for a one-month trial period. Ms. Hunter was appointed and began taking minutes. The group will determine its effectiveness after the January meeting. Mr. Orr volunteered to take the January meeting minutes and staff will make a decision by the March meeting.
  - Think-Bike Re-Cap – Director of Public Works plans to process a resolution recognizing the work done. There is a suggestion to discuss bicycle and pedestrian issues with

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<sup>1</sup> A sign-in sheet was not collected at the meeting. Participants and guest list have been recreated from memory. If you are not included on the list, and would like to be added to the final minutes, please contact [nadia.barrera@austintexas.gov](mailto:nadia.barrera@austintexas.gov)

business owners on S. Lamar. Mr. Orr suggested that the BAC make a strong statement to Council that developers should contribute to the construction of cycletracks on S. Lamar.

- Bike Plan Amendment – Public input will be needed. We will keep the group updated on the process.

#### 4. Items from Staff – 6:50-7:55

- Input on Rainey Street - Mr. Wilkes made bicycle facility recommendations for Rainey Street. His analysis involved retaining motor vehicle parking along the roadway. Mr. Wilkes recommended a contra-flow bicycle lane. He also looked at the possibility of a two-way cycletrack. Ms. Schaubert would like to have a more in-depth discussion before a decision is made, due to the critical connectivity of the corridor and the need to accommodate beginner cyclists. The BAC decides that parking should not be prioritized over bicycle mobility and access. The BAC does not support the current cross-section as presented for Rainey Street. The group discusses the existing cycling connectivity to Holly Street and the adjacent trail. Mr. Wilkes also informs the group that the Transportation Department intends on metering the parking available at the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). This metered parking will fund improvements to the area. Ms. Kaplan then proposes the following resolution:

- i. *"The Bicycle Advisory Council does not support the current proposal for Rainey Street that prioritizes motor vehicle parking over cyclists' safety. The BAC supports a two-way cycle access design that is safe for all ages on Rainey Street and Cummings Street, in order to preserve and enhance bicycle connectivity within the Rainey Street district. This corridor is critical to the bicycle network because it allows cyclists to safely cross IH-35 via Holly Street and River Street."*

Ms. Hunter makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Mr. Wald and approved by the group. Ms. Kaplan will distribute the resolution to the Urban Transportation Commissions and the Directors of the Public Works and Transportation Departments.

- Lifting Curfew from Trails - Currently there is a 10pm curfew on trails. There is an estimate that policing trails after hours would cost the City approximately \$4.1m. However, the benefits of allowing users 24-hour access to the trails should be considered, especially with the completion of the Boardwalk. This issue will be brought to Council on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The BAC discussion included the fact that Federal and local transportation funds are used on most urban trails. The BAC passed the following resolution, "The BAC recommends eliminating curfew for transportation bicyclists on multi-use trails."
- Bicycle Safety Improvements on Riverside –A policy is needed and something should be sent from the Chair to Council on BAC's input on facilities on major streets. Regardless of what cyclists are wearing, there should be a resolution each time there is a cyclist death on City streets and bond money should be used to implement safer roads on Riverside by the 2/13 meeting and on Congress. It could be called the Cody Johnson resolution and a safe report on safety improvements. The BAC passed the following resolution, "In light of recent fatalities, the BAC requests that staff present, at the February meeting, potential designs for bicycle facilities on East Riverside Drive and Congress Bridge."

#### 5. Announcements/Adjourn –