

CITY OF AUSTIN
BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
MEETING SUMMARY

City Hall
301 W. 2nd Street
January 15, 2013

PARTICIPANTS:

Allison Kaplan – BAC Chair
Tommy Eden – BAC Vice Chair
Chris LeBlanc - BAC
Ashley Hunter - BAC

Tom Thayer – BAC
Nick Warrenchuck – BAC
Eileen Nehme – BAC
Mike Kase - BAC

Noni Jarnagin – Alt BAC
Tom Wald - Alt BAC
Joe Clemens – Alt BAC
Jason Abels – Alt BAC
Mitchell Harrison – Alt BAC

GUESTS:

Rich Hollenbeck
David Orr
Gonzalo Camacho
Pete Wall

Bill Blome
Michael Cosper
John Bartle
Mike McHolm

Charles Riou (TXDOT)
Eric Beston
Patrick Jones
Stuart Werbner

STAFF PRESENT:

Annick Beaudet

Nathan Wilkes

1. Introductions – Ms. Kaplan begins the meeting with introductions

2. Review and Approval of November Minutes – Ms. Hunter moves to approve the November minutes and Mr. LeBlanc seconds. Mr. Eden and Mr. Thayer abstain from voting. The group approves the November minutes.

Review and Approval of December Minutes – Mr. Thayer moves to approve the December minutes and Mr. Warrenchuck seconds. Mr. Eden abstains and the group approves the minutes as is.

3. Items from BAC –

- Bylaw Changes –
 - i. Moving BAC meeting date – Ms. Kaplan lets the group know that the changes in the bylaws will be moving from the third Thursday to the third Tuesday. Mr. Thayer moves to amend the bylaws to approve the wording discussed during the December meeting. Ms. Nehme seconds. The group approves.
- Member Communications – Mr. Wilkes states that staff was looking for alternatives, but decided that the benefit of having a staff person here was a vital role for the BAC. Ms. Kaplan states that she would like to have a list of every BAC and every BAC alternate. Ms. Barrera can share it with the group. Mr. Wilkes suggests that we keep it on a Google Doc. Ms. Barrera will do that.
- Rio Grande Cycletrack Briefing – Mr. Wilkes asks about the impetus for the discussion. Mr. Eden states that there is a problem with motor vehicles in the cycletrack. Mr. Wilkes states that the delineator posts have been installed every 20 feet. They were

installed last month. The next step will be increasing the delineators to every 10 feet, and finally concrete barrier curbs and he is working with the Project Manager to get that arranged within the next six months. Mr. LeBlanc asks about north of 24th Street. Mr. Wilkes says design is close to final and construction may be complete in two years. Mr. Eden asks to see the design and Mr. Wilkes suggests adding it to the March meeting. Mr. Jarnagin asks about the curb. Mr. Wilkes says it will be a contiguous curb with some breaks for drainage. Mr. Jones states that fewer cars have been driving and parking in the cycletrack. Mr. Jones states that there are still delivery trucks parked in the cycletrack. Mr. Wilkes asks how the vehicles are getting into the cycletrack – whether they are driving over the delineators or looking for the breaks in delineators. Mr. Jarnagin states that he has observed it happens at the breaks in the delineator sticks. Mr. Eden suggests a bollard at each driveway. Mr. Wilkes states that he has yet to do that because he does not want to discourage side-by-side riding. Ms. Nehme asks if the increased frequency of delineators is also planned for Bluebonnet. Mr. Wilkes says that he has not heard of as much of a problem there, and the price is prohibitive. Ultimately he would like to install curbs there as well. Ms. Kaplan asks if curbs will be included in the northern phase of Rio Grande. Mr. Wilkes responds that it will. Mr. Jarnagin would like to know how we can encourage cyclists to stop at the signs. Mr. LeBlanc asks if there have been any counts. Mr. Wilkes responds that counts have been done, but there is difficulty attaining the numbers at this time. Mr. Eden asks about enforcement for motor vehicles driving in the cycletrack. Mr. Wilkes responds that with the new parking meters in West Campus, we hope to see some additional enforcement.

4. Items from Staff – 6:50-7:55

- Bike Share Planning – Ms. Barrera gives a general update on bike share and encourages the BAC to get involved in outreach. Mr. LeBlanc asks about any station locations. Ms. Barrera states that there was a technical analysis based on variables such as attractors, topography, and bicycle facilities. Mr. Bartle asks if bike helmets were a consideration. Ms. Barrera responds that it was not. Ms. Barrera says that the first phase will be focused on public right-of-way. Mr. Warrenchuck recommends including rental shops on the map. A discussion ensues about stations in or around parks and Mr. LeBlanc believes that a station at Barton Springs is vital. Ms. Nehme states that users in San Antonio use the bikes for short errands. Ms. Hunter asks about safety. Ms. Barrera responds that Bike Share of Austin will be required to have insurance and that there is safety in numbers. Mr. Hollenbeck asks for a waterproof map on the handlebars. Mr. Jarnagin asks about locking when stopped and Ms. Barrera responds that the bikes have locks.
- Bicycle Program Staff Retreat Re-Cap – Mr. Wilkes updates the group on our planning projects. First the Bike Plan Update and the Urban Trails Master Plan with public processes beginning in June and July. Mr. Eden asks for notification when the Bike Parking Ordinance goes to Planning Commission and City Council. Mr. Abels asks for a copy of the planning document. Mr. Wilkes outlines the Capital Improvement Projects in the next three years.

5. Announcements/Adjourn –

- Ms. Barrera reminds the group to like our City of Austin Bicycle Program Facebook page.
- Mr. Eden states that the CAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee are discussing bicycling issues. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Center for Transportation Research.

Mr. Wald mentions that Mr. Wilkes will be producing a document regarding standards and facilities for bicycles.

- Mr. Cosper asks about extension of bike lanes on Stassney east of IH-35 onto Burleson. Mr. Eden states that there will be maintenance projects in the area.
- Mr. Wald lets the group know that Bike Austin will be developing a strategic plan and should be done by early-mid February.
- Mr. Wilkes lets the group know that the 3rd Street cycletracks will be installed tomorrow.
- Mr. Wall reminds the group that the Yellow Bike Project still needs volunteers.

6. Proposed Items From Staff for Future Meetings:

- Briefing on Manchaca between S. Lamar and William Cannon
- South Lamar and Riverside redevelopment at Taco Cabana
 - Be sure to let the BAC know when that meeting is.
- Update on design for Rio Grande north of 24th Street.

7. Mr. LeBlanc motions to adjourn and Mr. Thayer seconds.