

CITY OF AUSTIN
BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
MEETING SUMMARY

ACC Pinnacle Campus
7748 Hwy 290 West Austin, TX 78736
March 19, 2013
6:00PM

PARTICIPANTS:

Allison Kaplan – BAC Chair
Tommy Eden – BAC Vice Chair

Tom Thayer – BAC
Mike Kase - BAC

Chris LeBlanc - BAC
Tom Wald - Alt BAC

GUESTS:

Rich Hollenbeck

David Richardson
David Orr

Noah Deneau

STAFF PRESENT:

Nadia Barrera

Chad Crager

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

2. Review and Approval of February Minutes – Mr. Wald would like the minutes to note that Ms. Schaubert is a member of the UTC. Mr. Wald would like to know who voted against the Congress Avenue Bridge resolution. Mr. Kase would like the minutes to note that he dissented the resolution because he felt it was too weak. Mr. Wald would like to add information regarding what the A-D options are for Rainey Street. Mr. Wald moves to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Eden seconds; there is no dissent.

3. Items from BAC –

- Rainey Street– Ms. Barrera lets the group know that there have been no new developments besides the installation of parking meters along Rainey Street.
- 24-hour Trail Pilot Program – Mr. Crager states that there are three bicycle/pedestrian counters along the trails: on the Shoal Creek Trail near House Park, on the south side of the Butler Trail near Robert E Lee, and a third on the Johnson Creek Trail. Ms. Kaplan mentions that Mr. Wall was disappointed with APD’s response to the change in policy and the reaction regarding the additional funding projected. Mr. Wald states that when speaking with the Chief, the Chief mentioned catching a wanted murderer on the trail and that overall APD is concerned that criminals can hide on the trails. Mr. Crager states that the curfew will not be lifted until June 1st. Mr. Kase asks if there is a park patrol. Mr. Crager responds that Park Rangers do not carry weapons. Mr. Eden says he doesn't think APD should spend additional funds policing the trails now that everyone on the trail is there legally.
- BAC prioritization on roads in unincorporated Travis County – Mr. Wald states that he has worked with Travis County Bike Safety Task Force to establish the Travis County Bike Safety Plan. Travis County has worked with ACA, Map My Ride and other groups to learn more about where people ride. There is \$3.3m in potential funds. There is potential to stretch the funding depending on how the funds are spent. Mr. Wald gives the group five dots each to prioritize projects. Some of the criteria include geographic distribution and creating good connections.

4. Proposed Items From Staff for Future Meetings:

- Mr. Eden asks about gap completion project. Ms. Barrera says that when Mr. Kopper comes next month he should share it.

5. Mr. LeBlanc motions to adjourn and Mr. Kase seconds.