



**MINUTES**  
**Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Agenda**  
**January 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street City Hall, Staff Bull Pen, Room 1029**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Tom Thayer – BAC Chair  
Stanton Truxillo – Alt. BAC  
Tommy Eden, BAC  
Kathryn Flowers, Alt. BAC  
Sam Day-Woodruff, Alt. BAC  
Tomasita Louviere-Lignons, BAC  
Sophia Benner, BAC

Miller Nuttle, BAC  
David Orr, BAC  
Hilary Andersen, BAC  
Patricia Schaub, Alt. BAC  
Tara Mather, Alt. BAC  
Tom Wald, Alt. BAC  
Rebecca Brenneman, BAC

**GUESTS:**

John Woodley  
Joel Meyer  
Jesse Adler  
Robert Anderson

Thomas Butler  
Tim Starry  
Erik Harris  
Robert Borowski

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Dierenfield, ATD  
Chad Crager, PWD  
Francis Reilly, PWD

Marissa Monroy, ATD  
Nadia Barrera, PWD  
Cmdr. Art Fortune, APD

- 1. Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 6pm.
- 2. Citizen Communication** – None.
- 3. Review and Approval of December Minutes – 6:15 to 6:20**

Chair Tom Thayer requested the December minutes be amended to note the “183N shared-use path,” instead of “183A.” Mr. Beal requested the majority of BAC supported a shared-use path and requested it be noted in the minutes.

Stanton Trujillo made a motion to approve the December minutes, with the requested changes. David Orr seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

- Vision Zero Briefing

Presenter: Cmdr. Art Fortune, APD; Laura Dierenfield, ATD; Frances Reilly, PWD

The presenters provided an overview of the Vision Zero action plan and said key recommendations included enforcement, engineering, and education, including these four critical actions:

1. Focus on hotspots and dangerous behaviors- deaths occurred on high speed roads. More resources should be allocated to these areas. 6 behaviors played a role on almost 80% of fatal crashes.
2. Develop Vision Zero education and media campaign- use data to educate Austinites on the severity of the problem and dangerous behaviors. Recommendation to produce events on hotspot areas.
3. Harness data- broken down in 3 categories: data quality, collection and sharing, analysis and mapping, and evaluation.
4. Develop Vision Zero program- and continue the Vision Zero Taskforce.

Next steps include presentations to the Boards and Commissions and then a request for council action.

Comments and Concerns raised in BAC meeting:

- A question was posed about if certain times and dates were more fatal than others.
- Miller Nuttle commented that best practice numbers need to be presented to City Council as part of the Action Plan.
- Tomasita Louviere-Lignons commented if drivers education of the awareness to bicyclists as an education requirement could be added the plan. Francis Reilly said that this issue is covered in the plan.
- A concern was raised as to not having enough police officers.
- Request to reduce speed limits to increase safety.
- The role of driverless cars - where would this fit in to the Vision Zero plan?

- The group discussed the role of behavioral changes.
- Mr. Truxillo stressed the opportunity to continue refinement of the plan after implementation.
- Concern about state legislation by lobbyists under this plan.
- Tom Wald raised concerns about institutionalized preference for car traffic rather than other modes. Also a concern about preference towards congestion alleviation rather than traffic safety.
- Robert Anderson vetted several previous concerns, including the need for more information to vet the action plan before the Feb. 3 Mobility Committee meeting.

A technical subcommittee was created for the Vision Zero draft plan.

- Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 1A Crossing Design

Presenter: Clay Harris, PWD

Mr. Harris provided information on the project, a regional trail system that connects multiple neighborhoods and reduce congestion in the area. The original design included a bridge that was not completed due to flood risks and a negative impact on the creek. A consultant, Axiom, was hired to realign the trail over the existing water line. They proposed a smooth surface would improve efficiency.

Once complete, the trail will cover 7 miles over NW Austin. There is a one-year milestone of completion for the project segment 1 and 2. A question was raised about the width of the trail- the trail is 10 feet wide. A question was raised about the difference in crossing constructions between this project and a normal projects- the difference is the construction along low

A safety concern was raised about silt on the trail - City staff will look into the issue as construction and evaluations are made. A question was raised about slots to catch water. The City said that they will continue to monitor the situation, but slots will likely fill up with debris and cause more

A Neighborhood Association member offered an opinion on the culvert construction, different than the design by public works.

The City says they are constrained by Austin Water, as the trail is located above a wastewater line.

BAC member Sophia Brenner made the following motion: "The BAC supports the enhanced communication between stakeholders in a time when influence on the design process is more feasible." Tom Wald seconded. David Orr made an amendment and requested the participation of all city stakeholders at the BAC subcommittee meetings. Sophia Brenner accepted the amendment. Motion passed by consensus.

## **5. Items from Staff**

- Call for Markings Maintenance Requests – Staff will be sending a survey out.
- Active Transportation Update  
Active Transportation Program Manager, Laura Dierenfield, gave an overview of the program's 2015 accomplishments.
- Selection of UTC Liaison  
Sophia Brenner was selected.
- Selection of Technical Subcommittee Chair  
David Orr was selected.

**6. Announcements/Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.