



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2016 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Sophia Benner.

Full Members in Attendance:

Sophia Benner – Chair
Tomasita Louviere-Lignons – Vice Chair
Rebecca Brenneman
Tommy Eden
Kathryn Flowers

Miller Nuttle
David Orr
Mike Sledge
Tom Wald

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Teresa Anderson
Katie Deolloz
Brianna Frey
Jeremy Hernandez
Alicia Santiago

Patricia Schaub
Tom Thayer
Stanton Truxillo
Pete Wall

Absent Members:

Louis Alcorn

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation
Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

Rob Grotty, Public Works
Amy Slagle, Austin Resource Recovery
Natalia Rodriguez, Development Services

Guests in Attendance:

Lizzie Welch
George Maroukis

Larry Murphy

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were unanimously approved on Tomasita Louviere-Lignons's motion and Pete Wall's second. The approved minutes can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

4. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. Amendment of BAC Bylaws – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: A motion to change the language of Article IV, Section 2B of the Bylaws of the Bicycle Advisory Council from “Bicycle Program staff shall be responsible for meeting minutes, establishing, and distributing the meeting agenda.” to “Any BAC member or alternate may propose an item to be on a future agenda by oral or written request. City staff may also place items on the agenda. Staff will consult with the BAC chair to create each monthly agenda and to decide which requested items are placed on each agenda. The BAC chair will approve each final agenda. Staff will be responsible for distributing each agenda and meeting minutes.” was approved unanimously (9-0) on Tom Wald's motion and Stanton Truxillo's second.

The updated bylaws can be found on the BAC’s [webpage](#).

B. Bike Lane Maintenance – Discussion and Possible Action

Rob Grotty, Urban Forestry Program Manager at Public Works, and Amy Slagle, Assistant Division Manager at Austin Resource Recovery (ARR), briefed the BAC on their departments’ respective efforts to maintain bike lanes in the City through clearing vegetation in the public right-of-way and regular street sweeping. Ms. Slagle shared photos of ARR’s new narrow street sweepers, which expand upon ARR’s residential street and boulevard sweeping programs to allow the city to sweep protected bike lanes once a month.

BAC members discussed created a Google survey tool to gather and share information about "hot spots" around the city that could use more proactive maintenance with Mr. Grotty. In the meantime, residents can report overgrown vegetation or obstructions in the public right-of-way by calling Austin 3-1-1 (512-974-2000), using the Austin 3-1-1 [app](#) (by submitting “Other”), or visiting Austin 3-1-1 [online](#).

No action taken.

C. Vinson Drive – Discussion and Possible Action

Tom Wald and Larry Murphy described long standing mobility and safety concerns around Vinson Drive in South Austin, as well as recent concerns regarding the zoning case [C14-2016-0063.SH](#), which will be heard by the Planning Commission in December.

Nathan Wilkes, Engineer at Austin Transportation and Natalia Rodriguez, Transportation Review Planner at Development Services, answered questions about the transportation review process laid out in City Code as well as the current possibilities and constraints regarding improving mobility and safety along Vinson Drive.

Action taken: The motion below passed unanimously (9-0) after debate and amendment on Stanton Truxillo's motion and Mike Sledge's second:

The BAC recommends that city staff look into possibility of right of way availability on Vinson Drive to improve bicycle connectivity and safety and look into improving connectivity and safety between St. Elmo and Aberdeen via 3rd St. Other intersections to review include:

- St. Elmo at Vinson
- South 1st and W. St Elmo
- South 2nd and W. St Elmo
- South 3rd and W. St Elmo
- James Casey and St. Elmo
- Vinson Dr. and Aberdeen
- Vinson Dr. and Philco
- St. Elmo and Mt. Vernon

Action taken: The motion below passed unanimously (9-0) after debate and amendment on Tom Wald's motion and Pete Wall's second:

The BAC requests that the developer work with Austin Transportation (Right-of-Way Management and Active Transportation) to make sure that bicycling safety during construction is addressed at the time of site plan application on nearby streets, including 3rd St, Vinson, Philco, and St. Elmo.

5. Future Items

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by BAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future BAC agenda. These items were not discussed by the BAC as part of this agenda.

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Active Transportation Division projects and accomplishments
- Design and placement of bike racks
- Bicycle access at drive through facilities

6. Announcements / Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Sophia Benner.