



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)  
TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2017 – 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 6:06 p.m. by Chair Sophia Benner.

**Full Members in Attendance:**

Sophia Benner – Chair	Kathryn Flowers	Tom Wald
Tommy Eden	Mike Sledge	

**Alternate Members in Attendance:**

Louis Alcorn	Alicia Santiago	Stanton Truxillo
Katie Deolloz	Patricia Schaub	
Brianna Frey	Tom Thayer	

**Full Members Absent:**

Tomasita Louviere-Lignons – Vice Chair	David Orr
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**Alternate Members Absent:**

Teresa Anderson	Jeremy Hernandez	Pete Wall
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**Staff in Attendance:**

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation (ATD)	Rheannon Cunningham, Austin Police (APD)
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation	

**Guests in Attendance:**

Tom Rowlinson, McCann Adams Studio	Juan Agudelo, Austin B-cycle
John Woodley, ADA	Carson Chavana, Bike Austin
Nick Olivier, Austin B-cycle	

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- Tom Rowlinson: Invited the BAC to attend upcoming *Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan* [Community Workshops](#) on June 21, September 13, and November 15.

### 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

The May meeting minutes were unanimously approved (5-0) on Stanton Truxillo motion and Kathryn Flowers second. The [approved minutes](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

### 4. ITEMS FROM BAC

#### A. Austin B-Cycle Expansion – Briefing

A presentation was made by Nick Olivier, Special Projects Coordinator for Austin B-cycle and Juan Agudelo, Community Outreach Coordinator for Austin B-cycle. Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager, was also present to introduce the item and address questions from the City's perspective.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents webpage. More information about Austin B-Cycle can be found at their [website](#).

#### B. Street Closures and Pedicab Access During Special Events – Discussion and Possible Action

Stanton Truxillo presented [draft recommendation language](#) developed by a virtual BAC subcommittee held via email to revise the draft recommendation language submitted by David Orr in May. After debate and amendment, the recommendation read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council supports the use of pedicabs at special events and requests that all appropriate city departments, UT Austin departments, and other jurisdictions recognize the safe, clean, convenient service provided by pedicabs to people for the first and last mile of transportation for special events, and to provide reasonable accommodations and access for effective pedicab service during events and in traffic plans.

This support includes a request for:

- All city and UT-Austin offices related to transportation and special events take steps to make traffic planning consistent with the aspirational goals of high-level city planning and policies for safety and mobility;
- A permanent Austin Police Department Liaison for the Pedicab community, with clear and consistent communication of regulations, rules and routes to Pedicab drivers;
- Safe, consistent, direct, predictable, established routes for Pedicabs throughout and to serve events held downtown, in Zilker Park, on Auditorium Shores, and other activity centers, and at UT football games and events, with consideration of Pedicab needs for safety, especially in regard to climbing hills;
- Support for pedicabs as an accessible transportation option through 1) more locations for pedicabs to stand, pick up, and drop off passengers at special events and on 6th St. and 2) the removal of barriers to people seeking safe, short-distance transportation by pedicab.
- Access to pedicabs in special event locations and on 6th St. for people with ADA needs, personal injuries, physical limitations, medical conditions, and special needs.
  - Creation of a temporary (or permanent) contraflow bike lane on Trinity between 15th St. and MLK Blvd. that stays open to bike traffic during football games.”

**Action taken:** A motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed unanimously (5-0-1) on Sophia Benner motion and Mike Sledge second, with Tom Wald abstaining and alternate member Alicia Santiago designated as a full standing member for the meeting by the chair.

The [recommendation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

### **C. Planning for 2017 Membership Elections Application and Recruitment Process – Discussion and Possible Action**

Chair Sophia Benner recapped a subcommittee meeting held in May to discuss the BAC's upcoming elections. The subcommittee created a Google doc to organize demographic information regarding the current BAC membership, drafted a criteria matrix to help the BAC Membership and Nominations Subcommittee analyze applications, and drafted revised language for the 2017 BAC application.

BAC members reviewed the proposed application language and discussed additional edits. The BAC also discussed adding an item to their July agenda to discuss possible bylaw amendments regarding the composition of the BAC (such as increasing the number of BAC members.)

No action taken. Staff liaison Emily Smith will work with the BAC chair to finalize the BAC application for 2017. Sophia Benner will organize another subcommittee meeting to discuss recruitment strategies for after the applications are posted. The subcommittee will provide recommendations for the BAC's consideration at their next regular meeting in July.

### **D. Nomination and election of an alternate BAC member to full membership status – Discussion and Possible Action**

Alternate BAC members Patricia Schaub and Alicia Santiago were elected unanimously (5-0) as full BAC members on Tom Wald motion and Mike Sledge second. Patricia and Alicia will fill two full membership vacancies recently created by Miller Nuttle and Rebecca Breneman's resignations from the BAC. Patricia's term will expire in 2017 and Alicia's term will expire in 2018.

## **5. FUTURE ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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.*

- Share the Road Texas campaign (July)
- Vision Zero Report Card & Annual Report (July)
- Amendments to BAC bylaws (July)
- Planning for 2017 Membership Recruitment Process (July)
- TxDOT and City of Austin roadway maintenance and planning
- Walk + Bike Talks

## **6. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm by Chair Sophia Benner.