

**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday February 18, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Austin City Hall – Room 1027 301 W. Second St. Austin, Texas**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.

**Full members in attendance:**

Christopher Heathcott (Chair)	Nadia Carlson	Patricia Schaub
Lori Merlino (Vice Chair)	Michelle LeBlanc	Rose Warren
Jake Boone	James Lentz	

**Full members absent:**

Kathryn Flowers

**Alternate members in attendance:**

Kelly Braun	Tommy Eden	Alice Maz
Briana Cohen	Carol Fraser	Curtis Rogers

**Alternate members absent:**

Leslie Case	Robin Lerner	Sean Smith
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**General Communication:** Susan Fraser, I-35/Mobility35 Program Manager, introduced herself.

- 1. Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Approved on an 8-0 vote with Flowers absent.
- 2. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since December BAC Meeting:** Read aloud by Cohen.
- 3. Bluebonnet Ln (Del Curto Rd to Melridge Pl) and Melridge Pl (Bluebonnet Ln to Rabb Rd):** Lentz presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that the changes to the streetscape to improve mobility and safety be implemented as initially proposed by ATD, with the following additions:*

- 1. The bicycle lane on Melridge Place be widened at the curve to accommodate a larger turn radius for people using bicycles on the downhill;*
- 2. The painted buffer where the two-way bikeway borders residences be sufficiently wide to accommodate recycle bins, so the bins do not obstruct the lane and pose a hazard to bicyclists.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the city consider “experimental” and neighborhood-appropriate traffic calming treatments, such as painted intersection murals, for the intersections of Bluebonnet Lane with Hether Street and/or Ford Street, provided the treatments do not negatively affect road users with vision impairments.*

The recommendation was approved on an 8 – 0 vote with Flowers absent

- 4. Recommendations regarding parking at City Hall:** No action taken.
- 5. Recommendations regarding curb management, including the regulation and enforcement of vehicles obstructing bike lanes:** No action taken.
- 6. Recommendations regarding the Land Development Code revision:** Heathcott presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the Austin City Council amend the Land Development Code Revision to include the following provisions:*

- *23-3B-4020 Variances; (D) Bicycle Parking*
  - *Either don't allow variances of a bicycle standard or clarify what conditions must be met to receive an administrative waiver of a bicycle standard.*
- *23-3D-2050 (A) Off-Street Motor Vehicle Parking Reductions*
  - *Increase adjustment for Bicycle Parking from up to 5% max to at least 10%.*
- *23-3D-2070 Bicycle Parking; (A) Required Spaces*
  - *Increase the minimum requirements for multi-family to at least 1 per 5 units for sites with greater than 8 units.*
  - *Revise the minimum requirements for non-residential use to include more nuanced intervals that account for GSF variance of several orders of magnitude between buildings like a 10,000 GSF Trader Joe's versus a 1,000,000 GSF downtown office building. Also, consider more nuanced requirements for buildings which are primarily retail vs primarily office.*
- *23-3D-7030 (A) Additional Measures to Improve Connectivity*
  - *Establish mandatory minimum requirements for employee shower and locker facilities and secure indoor bicycle storage for buildings greater than a certain GSF.*

The recommendation was approved on a 7 – 0 vote with Flowers absent and Warren abstaining.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.