

City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes for August 2011 Meeting

August 8, 2011 6:30 pm

City of Norman Municipal Complex

201 West Gray, Study Session Room

(1) Roll Call—6:35 p.m.

- Members present: Leslie Harrison, Gary Miller, Paul Minnis, Helen Robertson, Alicia Boscarelli
- Ex-officio members present: James Briggs, Angelo Lombardi, Officer Marcus Smallwood
- Prior to beginning the meeting, Gary asked ex-officio members how to handle news of Neil Suneson's resignation as well as how to address Sarah Reichardt's scheduling conflict with upcoming semester. Tabled discussion for new business.

(2) Approval of May 2011 Meeting Minutes

June minutes were accepted and approved.

(3) Agenda

A. Additional Bike Lane Striping (Angelo)

Angelo begins with a draft of a presentation to be given to the City Council Transportation Committee Meeting on August 24, 2011 regarding the Cedar Lane Road Widening and Reconstruction Project.

Construction of bike lanes during this project is eligible for federal funds. Three alternative roadway sections are possible. The BAC favors the third option with both 5-foot sidewalks and 5-foot bicycle lanes on both sides. This option would increase the City of Norman's cost by \$50,600 but reflects the committee's request as of the November 8, 2010 meeting that bike accommodations be made at the time of new construction. All members excited about the possibilities presented in the draft because it reflects planning for bicycles as forethought rather than afterthought. Angelo finished presentation with pictures of Oakhurst bike lanes. Requests for additional bike lane striping tabled until after the Transportation Committee meeting. Paul raises concerns regarding new housing developments and cyclist safety. Asked about 48th Ave. W. Will it be widened? He wants to look at plats and see about planning future bike routes. Also tabled until able to look at plats from Planning and Community Development Committees. Of particular interest will be the Deerfield, Sequoyah Trails, and Summit Lakes neighborhoods.

B. City of Norman Update (Angelo, James, all)

The Rock Creek Bridge will open in ten days to two weeks. Mayor may want to have a ride as well as ribbon cutting. The ride may be postponed because of the heat.

Tim Woodfin asked about cyclists' responsibility in riding along 24th Ave. NW. Angelo mentioned that the City has applied for grants to allow for

completion of sidewalks along 24th between Robinson and Rock Creek Road. Also applied for a grant for the east side of 36th from Rock Creek to Tecumseh. Local funding is set aside for both projects should the grants be approved. In the meantime, cyclists should ride in right lane and observe the same laws as motor vehicles.

James has had requests from citizens for bike racks on Gray St. like those along Main St. Presently there is not enough room in the right away for racks. City is working on compliance. Plans to use bump-outs to provide the racks. Bike rack discussion led Mark Campbell to express need for bike racks at Salvation Army. This need does not fall under the City's purview but Paul suggested to Mark that a bike rack might be available on Monnet from a building teardown.

C. Norman Conquest Review (Alicia)

Alicia reported that the Conquest had 650 riders this year, the largest number of participants yet. \$6,000 was donated to the J.D. McCarty Center.

D. Urban Trail System Update (Tobin)

Tobin needs tour of parks from James. He wants to know who owns the land surrounding the water treatment facility. The terrain has good potential. James will find out and get back to him. James pointed out that the Saxon Park grant will include access to the trails from 36th Ave.

E. Rework the 1996 Norman Bike Plan (all)

No update from Paul who has been out of town. Suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work on it. It would be prudent to see the results of the OU Bike Committee and how the Norman Bike Plan can articulate with it.

F. Address Infrastructure Design Spec

A steering Committee to City of Norman Transportation Master Planning Committee is being formed. Paul wants to make sure that the interests of the cycling community are represented. Discussion tabled until next month by Gary so that we can learn more about how the committee members will be appointed.

G. Other Status Reports

- Enforcement: Officer Smallwood will research how bike lanes affect 3-foot law. Gary asked about potential bike lanes along Cedar and how that would affect the BLN Thursday night rides. If there are bike lanes, must everyone ride single file to stay in the lanes or are cyclists still allowed to ride two abreast? Marcus will research this. The book, *Bicycling and the Law* is suggested by Tom Woodfin as a good resource. Paul wants officers to ticket cyclists who run four-way stop signs. All committee members think this is a good idea. Marcus would like to have information to hand out to offenders. James mentioned that all of that is available in the current bike map brochures. The need for cyclists to have head lights and rear reflectors is also discussed.

- Education: John Joyce has organized the Family Fat Tire Festival for October 15, 2011. He is not present but Alicia hands out the draft he brought to the BLN meeting on August 1, 2011.
- Campus: The OU BAC will have its presentation of the University Bike Plan on September 9, 2011. The plan is available on the BAC web site (posted by Gary). There are concerns that the Intramural gates will be locked at night and that the sharrows south of Constitution do not meet ASHTO specs. Paul will follow up on these points. All further discussion is tabled until the adoption of the OU plan.
- BLN: No new discussion.

(4) New Business

- Neil tendered his resignation. Committee members are asked to contact potential candidates to take his place.
- Meeting time is changed to 7:30 p.m. by a unanimous vote so that Sarah will be able to remain a valuable member of the committee.

(5) Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn and passed. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.