

## **City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Minutes for September 2011 Meeting

September 12, 2011 7:30 pm

City of Norman Municipal Complex

201 West Gray, Study Session Room

### **(1) Roll Call—7:33 p.m.**

- Members present: Gary Miller, Paul Minnis, Helen Robertson, John Joyce, Sarah Ellis, Alicia Boscarelli
  - Ex-officio members present: James Briggs, Angelo Lombardo
- Members and visitors made introductions.

### **(2) Approval of August 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were accepted and approved.

### **(3) Agenda**

#### **A. Additional Bike Lane Striping (All)**

Paul Minnis suggested that in order to further this discussion, we get a list of collector streets that meet ASHTO specifications for bike lane striping. He recalls such a list having been made available to the ad hoc committee. Angelo and James believe this to be so and will look into reproducing the list.

The matter of new developments is also discussed. McCaleb Engineering will provide Paul with a Master Map of all NW plat developments with more than 50 lots. Angelo points out that new development areas are going back to the notion of eliminating collector streets.

James asks how to connect to arterials without collector streets. Angelo's reply is that narrower residential streets will be used as these make for slower moving traffic within neighborhoods. Paul points out that such streets work well for bicycle traffic without the need for striping.

John Joyce asks about the standards for controlled crossings as development continues. On what basis are crossing signals installed? Angelo says that traffic impact studies are used. Otherwise, lights are installed at the intersection of two arterials.

#### **B. Cedar Lane & Transportation Comm., Aug. 24, Sept. 13 (Angelo, Gary)**

If the Cedar Lane project is passed as Angelo proposed to the Transportation Committee on August 24, it will approximate a complete streets policy. At that meeting, the four committee members seemed favorable to the Cedar Lane proposal but felt it necessary to bring to the entire Council. Angelo will present the proposal again on Sept. 13, 2011 at 5:30 in the Study Session Room. Our committee members are hopeful that it will pass and become a model for future development within the City. This Committee is aware that the current Bike Plan will have to be

amended in order to meet new policy goals. Gary and Alicia will attend the Study Session as representatives of the cycling community

The potential for policy change is evidenced in the proposal for development at 60<sup>th</sup> NW. It was submitted to ODOT as a four lane open section with ten foot shoulders from Tecumseh to Indian Hills. The proposed speed limit will be between 55 and 65 mph.

C. Rock Creek Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Angelo, Gary)  
Twenty-one cyclists crossed the bridge following the ribbon cutting including the traffic engineer for the City of Norman (yay Angelo). There was a celebration at the Embassy Suites following the ceremony.

D. City of Norman Updates (Angelo, James, All)  
James and Tobin have not met to tour potential sites for an urban trail system. James determined that the land around the wastewater treatment site is not an option. The land is privately owned.

Angelo stated that the recently reintroduced bike lanes have been striped and signed (except for Brooks). It is pointed out by Paul that there are still Bike signs on Main Street that need to be removed on the north side. Angelo believed these to be removed as he had placed the work orders. He will follow-up with staff.

A visitor asks about the possibility of “3 feet- it’s the law” signs like those in Edmond. Angelo looked into this sign and learned that it is not an approved MUTCD sign. Without MUTCD approval, funding is an issue.

E. Oklahoma City Bike Summit, Nov 4-5 (Gary)  
The OBC (Oklahoma Bike Coalition) will hold this summit. Angelo will attend. There is some discussion among the committee and visitors as to the intended audience for the summit. There will be an ACOG meeting prior and Angelo will let us know more about the summit expectations. It is asked who at ACOG handles bicycle issues since the departure of Lisa Kehoe. John Sharp is now the liaison at ACOG.

F. Urban Trail System Update (James, Tobin)  
None. Tobin is not present. Update covered in C.

G. Rework the 1996 Norman Bike Plan (All)  
It is agreed that Paul, John and Tom Woodfin (upon his appointment) will form a subcommittee to begin research.

H. Address the Infrastructure Design Spec (All)  
No discussion.

I. Other Status Reports:

**Enforcement** (Marcus)

None. Not present.

**Education** (John)

Revisited the Safe Cyclist program presented to the NPS in January. The results are difficult to measure. The Department of Health footed the bill for the program but does not seem vested beyond that. There are teachers in other communities that attended the training who are working on safe cycling initiatives. A teacher from Burns Flat and another from Sallisaw acquired grants for bicycle safety education.

Paul suggests that John contact Dan Snell to see about expanding on the learning within the NPS system. Gary mentions Dan Quinn as another contact.

John is also the force behind the Norman Family Fat Tire Festival. It will take place Saturday, October 15. Norman Regional Hospital is assisting with the mass media productions. He asked that our committee members help with cross promotion. He will send a flyer to each of us. Gary will see that the BLN, OEF, OBC etc. are updated.

**Campus** (Paul)

The September 9, 2011 meeting was cancelled. The master plan for the campus was to have been presented. The plan will soon be finished and the meeting rescheduled.

Paul is trying to get the University to stop locking the gates along the bike route through Reaves Park at 9:00 at night.

**BLN** (Alicia)

No update. The BLN meeting for the September was taking place concurrently with the BAC meeting.

**(4) New Business**

- Discussion of debris in bike lanes by visitor. Asked about the standards for bike lane maintenance. Also asked about speed tables in bike lanes. Angelo mentioned that the speed tables in bike lanes have been and will continue to be modified.
- Another visitor raised a missing water meter cover N. of Main by Sooner Theatre. He also asked whether there are any laws concerning electric bikes. Angelo says no policies have been adopted.

**(5) Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn and passed. Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.