

City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes for November 2011 Meeting

November 14, 2011 7:30 p.m.

City of Norman Municipal Complex

201 West Gray, Study Session Room

1. Roll Call – 7:30 p.m.

- Members present: Gary Miller, Paul Minnis, Sarah Ellis, Tobin Vigil, Helen Robertson, Tom Woodfin, John Joyce
- Ex-officio members present: James Briggs, Angelo Lombardi

2. Approval of October 2011 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes accepted and approved

3. Agenda

a) Additional Bike Lane Striping (All)

- Angelo presented map of all collectors and arterials with lanes widths indicated. This map will inform member discussion of future bike lane planning. Members commented that the collector street overlay still appeared to omit some collector streets. Angelo agreed that some collectors were not represented and agreed to provide a complete overlay of all collector streets at December meeting.

b) Urban Trail System Update (Tobin, James)

- Tobin and James reported from their attendance at the meeting of trustees for Sutton Wilderness Area. They reported that the trustees recognized that development of an urban trail system at Sutton might provide improved trail design and maintenance of trails on the property. However, the trustees did not confirm their agreement that mountain bike trails could be aligned with the conservation mandate to leave the property in a natural undeveloped state. The trustees continue to consider Tobin and Tom's comments. Tobin and Tom will continue to evaluate Saxon and Ruby Grant parks as options for Urban Mountain Bike trail.

c) Review of Oklahoma City Bike Summit, Nov 4-5 (Angelo)

- Angelo reported that attendance at the summit was strongly representative of transportation planners from throughout the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. He saw several informative presentations on traffic utility solutions for bicycling, as well as continuing discussions about how surrounding municipalities are integrating bicycle

planning into transportation planning. Notably, Angelo thought the “road diet” concept (presented at the summit) could provide cost-effective solutions for communities and sites without an option for full road re-designs. He will review the “road diet” concepts from the summit in comparison to Norman engineering standards to identify any opportunities and obstacles.

- d) Review of new bicycle routes from plats (All)
 - This item was tabled until December meeting.
- e) Review of Ward Meetings (All)
 - Angelo cited positive citizen comments regarding the Cedar Lane project and citizen feedback at recent ward meetings. This project should provide a valuable basis upon which to conduct future planning and design work. Cedar Lane provided a successful example of fitting comprehensive transportation plan into existing development.
- f) City of Norman Updates (Angelo, James)
 - Angelo reported that the currently-scheduled lane striping is slightly delayed. The agreed lanes will be striped as the project moves through the execution phase.
 - Main street bike route signs have been removed to accurately reflect the approved bike routes (i.e. alternate routes running parallel to Main Street).
 - Angelo reported that Norman City Council is advocating for multi-modal transportation options within the context of likely future projects including those funded by Federal and ODOT funded projects.
- g) Move BAC meetings to 6:30 PM (All)
 - Motion to reschedule future meetings at 6:30 PM beginning with December meeting was unanimously approved.
- h) Rework 1996 Norman Bike Plan (Paul, Tom, John)
 - Paul, Tom and John committed to meet and make recommended amendments to document prior to December meeting.
- i) Other Status Reports
 - Enforcement – no report. Paul suggested extending invitation for police chief and other agency heads to attend meetings periodically to raise awareness of the committees activities among leadership.
 - Education – John reported 145 participants attended the Family Fat Tire Festival. He indicated this level of participation indicates a level of interest among children and area families that could support more standardized youth cycling education. Members made suggestions for proposing education to NPS school board leadership, as well as possibly implementing cycling education in conjunction with Norman Parks and Recreation.
 - Campus – Paul stated the OU Bicycle Master Plan has been officially unveiled for public review. It contains 5 year and 10 year phases.
 - BLN – the Sooner Stampede mountain bike race was successful. Attendance was strong, despite a re-schedule from the original date.

4. New Business

- Angelo has received questions regarding whether the presence of bike lanes imposes any new legal constraints on bicyclists. He will review and report back to the committee.

5. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25