

City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes for December 2011 Meeting

December 12, 2011 6:30 pm

City of Norman Municipal Complex
201 West Gray, Study Session Room

(1) Roll Call—6:39 p.m.

- Members present: Gary Miller, Paul Minnis, Helen Robertson, Alicia Boscarelli, John Joyce, Thomas Woodfin
- Ex-officio members present: James Briggs

(2) Approval of December 2011 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were accepted and approved.

(3) Agenda

A. Additional Bike Lane Striping

James volunteered that there may be a new contractor for the bike lane striping. Removal of old bike lanes will happen swiftly but reapplication may not be timely while a new contractor is being sought. This report was given with the caveat that the information would need to be confirmed by Angelo at the next meeting. Also, the map that Paul requested of bike lane widths will be available for the January meeting.

B. Urban Trail System Update (James)

The Sutton Wilderness Advocacy Committee denied access for a trail to be developed stating that the trails would not fit with the present ecology of the area. The City Ordinance denying bicycles in Sutton was reiterated. The SWAC position was polite but firm. A brief discussion followed about other potential locations for a trail system. There is no land available for the trail development that is centrally located. John proposed using small parks as features parks with skills in each park. The parks would need bike routes between them and then one would ride from park to park to ride short trails. Not an ideal solution and would not really further Norman's status as a bike friendly community. The course at Saxon will be ready in the spring. May be difficult to incorporate urban trails there as well. Paul suggests that there needs to be a plan B put forward by the trail subcommittee.

C. Earth Day April 22, 2012

The BAC committee has been invited by Parks and Rec to have a booth during the event. The BLN is also invited. Gary suggested that the BLN have an organized ride in order to demonstrate basic bike etiquette. John will take point for the NRH Healthy Community Initiative. He will contact Suzanne Terry in Parks and Steve Slawson with the BLN.

D. E-Bikes

Tabled until the Chief of Police can be present for the discussion.

E. Review of bicycle routes from plats (All)

The Plats that Tom and Alicia had were tabled until there is more development. Angelo will have Hall Park section for next meeting.

F. City of Norman Updates

Sutton Bridge will be repaired per a citizen request.

G. Rework of the 1996 Norman Bike Plan

Goals and objectives need to be updated. Educational component needs to be expanded. The new ASHTO standards need to be included. The bibliography will need to be updated. No need to rewrite entire plan; just want to offer guidance. Angelo and the City Attorney will need to be consulted. Our Bronze level status and other benchmarks in the last fifteen years will need to be incorporated, too.

H. Other Status Reports

Enforcement (no update)

Education (John)

John wants to brainstorm on how to use the Safe Cyclist curriculum with the NPS and Parks Dept. He would like to see the standardized curriculum incorporated consistently within the school system. He suggested a one-week summer program for the Parks Dept. This would increase the educational component needed by the City to improve bicycle friendly status. It is also pointed out that what we need are League Certified Instructors.

Campus (no update)

BLN (no update)

(4) New Business

- James mentioned that on Wed. Dec 14 the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee of ACOG would meet. Jan Fees will be updating the Edmond Bicycle Master Plan.

(5) Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn and passed. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.