Minutes for June 2009 Meeting City of Norman Municipal Complex

(1) Roll Call – 6:40 PM

- Present: Amy, Alica, Harry, Kim, Gary
- Missing: Tobin, Sara, Paul, Neil
- James and Angelo attend as ex-officio members
- John Sharp (ACOG) as visitor

(2) Approval of May 2009 Meeting Minutes

- E-mailed separately to BAC membership
- Minutes accepted by acclimation

(3) Agenda

A. Update on ongoing efforts (as necessary)

Education, Outreach, Training: Kim is working on education of the returning OU students which includes defining the meaning of "share the road".

Campus Activities: Kim is working on multimodal paths, lengths, etc. James is working on extension of Legacy Trail southward. Still working on some signage **Parking Ordinance**: Working on bike parking.

Norman Conquest: No police input in meeting, trying to get Police involvement. The web-site is nomanconquest.bicycleleague.com

B. Any remaining bike-friendly application discussions

The application is currently locked and non-updateable. James is working on getting the application unlocked. The current thinking is to resubmit the application in August. Amy and Alica will work on updating Neil's application sections.

C. The state of the Norman bike plan (Angelo, James, Kim)

Covered some background on development of Norman bike plan, and noted that the current plan was done in 1996. While the Norman bike plan has some good sections/information, it needs updated. A motion was proposed and passed to submit a request for a budget item to update the plan. There was some discussion on how the BAC would be involved in updating the Norman bike plan, i.e., what role would the BAC take. There appears to be a wide conciseness from City parks, planning, public works to update the plan. The thinking is to hire consultant to update the plan. We reviewed the transportation enhancement money, and in a two year cycle, is about \$200,000. Discussed an enhancement grant, however up against bad timing, cannot reapply until 2012 for a grant. Discussed the need to get funds from the city, i.e., from the council. The 1996 plan cost around \$50K. Motion carried to update the plan via hiring consultants, and to be interviewed by the city and BAC. Discussed the

need for a steering committee to meet monthly to oversee the development of the updated plan. Have the revised should plan have more teeth, specs, drawings, on implementation of planning elements. A motion passed unanimously to request the funds to update the bicycle plan. Open to improving the plan and implementation the plan elements. Ideally, the BAC would be the selection committee. funding

(4) New Business (as time permits)

James to pass out ethics statement which was email out on July 13, 2009, see:

- http://bikenorman.org/EthicsResolutionPolicy.pdf
- http://bikenorman.org/EthicsPledge.doc

Identification of Street Grate Problems

- http://bikenorman.org/Grate Problems BAC.pdf
- Asp Avenue, 15 feet north of Lindsay on the East side. Parallel Grate.
- Lindsay, west bound, north side, between Elm and Chautauqua, parallel grate (seriously.. this one is BAD.. it extends 2 feet out into the lane of traffic).
- Berry Street, intersection with Boyd. In southbound turn lane on Berry there is a 4 foot parallel grate smack dab in the middle of the turn lane. Wheel grabber, must be turned.
- Flood Street, south bound, west side, next to Lions Park and the concrete spillway. Grate is depressed 6 inches into road, needs to be raised.
- Boyd and Lahoma, 4 sides of the intersection, small parallel grates.
- Main and Mercedes.. parallel grate in the middle of the lane (southbound on Mercedes).
- Brooks street, west bound between Porter/Classen and Jenkins... holes, cracks, bad road in the old bike lane.
- Lindsay street, east bound, between 12th East and 24th East, south side of road, in front of chick filet, bowling alley. Concrete that holds grate in has 1.5 inch gap between pavements. As soon as you make the turn onto Lindsay, the two lanes goes to one lane by that bank, chick filet, etc. Right there, when the right most lane is merging left, there is a wicked gap and I've gotten my bike tire stuck in it twice now as I commute home when the cars are pushing me into the curb.
- I couldn't find the Main and Berry and Main and Flood problems or Boyd and Asp, but I was on a bike dodging cars during morning rush hour, so maybe I missed it.

• NW corner of the bike-route intersection at Brooks and Oklahoma. It's a large drainage grate that seems designed to flip bicyclists sideways onto the NW curb.

(5) Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:10 PM.