City of Norman Bicycle Advisory Committee August 10th, 2009 6:30 PM

Minutes for August 2009 Meeting City of Norman Municipal Complex

(1) Roll Call - 6:30 PM

- Present: Alicia, Gary, Harry, Kim, Neil, Sarah, Tobin
- Missing: Amy, Paul
- Angelo attend as ex-officio members
- NPD officer L. Anderson and D. Oesterling attend as ex-officio member

(2) Approval of July 2009 Meeting Minutes

- E-mailed separately to BAC membership
- Minutes accepted by acclamation with minor modifications (which were updated).

(3) Agenda

A. City committee ethics (Angelo)

Postponed, tabled for next month.

B. Norman Conquest post-event analysis (Gary)

There were 549 registered riders, a little down from last year. For the participants, there was a Polar water bottle given out this year, instead of the usual T-shirt. The event organizers (i.e., BLN) had a much better relationship with the City of Norman and NPD this year. BAC encourages this improved relationship going forward. The Norman Conquest should be placed on the BAC as an agenda item every year, starting in March.

C. Bike-friendly application discussions (Kim)

Section	Owner
Engineering	Kim
Encouragement	Alica
Enforcement	Sarah
Evaluation and Planning	Sarah
Education	Harry

Table 1. Bike-Friendly Application Section Owners

The application was submitted on August 6th, and is believed to be a creditable application. Kim gave a note of appreciation to everyone that worked on the application, and a special note of appreciation to James. Cookies were provided by Kim for his appreciation of the work from the BAC and its ex-officio members.

D. Motion to change meeting time for Fall semester (Kim)

A motion to change the meeting time to 7:30 PM was made and passed. The meeting time change will also be reflected on BAC's web-site.

E. Bike Lanes for Norman streets (Kim, Angelo)

The City Council (and specially Tom Kovach and Cindy Rosenthal) is getting letters and emails requesting bike lanes in Norman, mostly due to the efforts of a grass-roots Norman Bicycle Co-op:

- <u>http://weridebikes.wordpress.com/</u>
- <u>http://weridebikes.wordpress.com/2009/07/29/bike-lanes-in-norman/</u>

Dear Mayor Rosenthal and City Council Members,

I support the concept of designing and establishing clearly marked bicycle lanes throughout the streets of Norman. Bike lanes will make bicycle transportation safer, and will encourage more non-combustion transportation as a safe, pleasant, and environmentally-sound alternative to combustion transportation.

Signed,

Your Name

Figure 1. Form Letter from Norman's Bicycle Co-op.

Revisions to the Norman Bike Plan are needed, 12-14 foot lanes, minimum of 9 feet, and the width of the lane depends on the speed and volume of traffic. A proposal was made to determine the best streets to stripe. Brooks Ave seems to be a good pilot project. Need to ask for funding. A City of Norman survey is ongoing, and the report is completed, but not yet available (Angelo to work). There were some concerns about the law and what to do about riders in the bike lanes, or out of the bike lanes. Kim to work with the City Council.

F. Other status reports (All)

Campus - President Boren has accepted the Campus Bike Plan. There was a question on the South Oval bike lane.
Education – no input
Public Works topics – no input

(4) New Business (as time permits)

The public works questions from last month were answered by Angelo. The Rock Creek Bridge is scheduled to be completed by the end of next year (2010).

Neil brings up the Green Belt Project. Neil stated that any new development must provide a Green Belt Enhancement Statement(s). Neil to email the Green Belt Enhancement statements,

Storm Water Master Plan, and the Master Trails Plan (done, 9/12/2009, and available on the BAC web-site).

There was some discussion about the Porter Ave. reconstruction/restoration/beatification project, to be voted on by the City Council in Sept '09. Riding on Porter has issues and since it was pointed out the Porter is not in the City Bicycle Plan. It was concluded that the Porter issues were to be placed on the BAC agenda for next month.

(5) Adjournment

Adjournment at 7:30 PM.