Minutes for September 2009 Meeting City of Norman Municipal Complex

(1) Roll Call – 7:30 PM

- Present: Alicia, Gary, Harry, Kim, Neil, Paul, Sarah, Tobin
- Missing: Amy
- Angelo and James attend as ex-officio members

(2) Approval of August 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes accepted by acclamation without modifications.

(3) Agenda

A. City committee ethics agreement (Angelo)

An ethics agreement is required per member's tenure. Leah Bunney, City Attorney, facilitated the process.

B. Bike Lanes in Norman update (Kim)

Kim visited with Tom Kovach in regards to using the road resurfacing monies for bike lanes. It was suggested that the request come from the City Council for bike lanes. There was some discussion about the three foot clearance and city engineering. It was suggested that the BAC issue a statement to the City Council supporting bike lanes in Norman. The following state was crafted,

"The BAC supports the use of road surfacing funds and other resources to add bike lanes to city roads where appropriate and feasible. The BAC looks forward to working with the council and city staff to implementing a comprehensive bicycle system including, but not limited to, major revisions to the city's bicycle plan."

A bond issue to focus on resurfacing urban areas was discussed. Paul suggested the existing bike lanes (Brooks, etc.) vs. a pilot program. Parking restrictions on the bike lanes was discussed, but the issue is already in place. The cost of striping bike lanes is \$0.78 per foot. The collectors for possible bike lanes include Brooks, McGee (HW9 to Boyd), Oakhurst, Beaumont, Vicksburg, and Lindsey. A pilot program was discussed as well as a need for a statement of support. A change to the city bicycle map will be required to support the marked bike lanes. A list of roads by lane size (aligned with the existing bike map), as well as every collector that makes sense, was ask for and assigned to Angelo. This request does not address arterials which will need a design specification change. It was stated that collector streets address a different cycling community segment (e.g., safe routes to schools). It was mentioned about the upcoming overhaul of the City's master bike plan was targeted in the next

budget cycle. There was a motion made and passed for the BAC statement (see above) to be made to the City Council.

C. Education and Outreach (All)

Paul proposed a "Bike Education Summit", involving the NPS, NPD, NRH, key stakeholders, the city council, churches, bike organizations (e.g., bike co-op), bike clubs (e.g., BLN, CRRC, NHS) in the Spring 2010 timeframe, lasting 4-5 hours. The objectives would be to set goals, create breakout groups, delegate outward, health care, green belt, research possible grants, and possibly have a speaker of notice.

Harry asks about the bicycle training/input from the police training programs.

D. Other status reports (All)

- Enforcement NPD was not in attendance
- Campus Police are issuing tickets and warnings
- Public Works topics no input
- Citizen participation in BAC discussions e.g., Porter Street, no input

(4) New Business (as time permits)

Neil brings up the Green Belt Project. Some discussion on the Norman developers vs. the Green Belt commission committee. Some of the Green Belt commission guidelines were reviewed, and discussion followed about the "not in my back yard" mentality.

Kim stated that he was going on sabbatical on May, 2010, and that the BAC will need a new chairperson in or around that timeframe.

(5) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and passed. Adjournment at 8:45 PM.