

## **Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

**Thursday, April 5, 2018**

Meeting held in  
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex  
2:00 p.m.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Maya Ford called the inaugural meeting to order with a quorum present.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Maya Ford, Chair	Doug Overman
Mike VanDusen	Robin Holzer
Capt. Kristine Anthony	Oni Blair
Sandra Rodriguez	Amar Mohite
Neil Bremner	Diane Dohm
Toloria Allen	Veon McReynolds
Clark Martinson	Yuhayna McCoy
Beth Martin	Alejandro Perez
John Long	

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Marlon Connley  
Ian Hlavacek  
Patrick Walsh, P.E., Director, Planning and Development

### **1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Director's Report was given by Patrick Walsh, Director, Planning and Development Department.

### **2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves by name, who they represented and what they were hoping to accomplish through the Committee.

### **3. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Staff planner Melissa Beeler presented the Committee ordinance language that addressed the Committee's role and responsibilities.

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Melissa Beeler introduced draft administrative procedures for action by the Committee. Oni Blair requested administrative procedures be amended to address whether ex-officio members counted towards quorum. Staff would work with the Legal Department to identify the definition of quorum in city code and revise administrative procedures as needed.

Committee Action: Adopt administrative procedures with quorum revision.

Motion: **Long**                      Second: **Martinson**                      Vote: **Unanimous**                      **Approved**

Committee Action: Appoint a Vice Chair.

Chair Maya Ford opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the Committee. Robin Holzer nominated Clark Martinson.

Motion: **Holzer**                      Second: **McCoy**                      Vote: **Unanimous**                      **Approved**

## **5. BIKE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Melissa Beeler presented the city's proposed bikeway selection and engagement process for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), as well as nine projects tentatively selected for implementation with CIP funding.

Committee Action: Establish subcommittees to meet outside of quarterly Committee meetings.

Motion: **Blair**                      Second: **Overman**                      Vote: **Unanimous**                      **Approved**

## **6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND BAC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Future meeting dates proposed by staff were July 11<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 pm. Discussion regarding specific future subcommittee topics ensued. Chair Maya Ford and Vice Chair Clark Martinson will work with staff to prepare a proposal for subcommittees.

Beth Martin shared a meeting regarding Houston Bike Share's Request for Information taking place on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

John Long invited everyone to attend BikeHouston's Bike Summit on April 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Arnold's Brewery.

Legal staff member Kim Mickelson reminded members of their oath of office forms and Texas Public Information Act Training online.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Justin McMurtry urged the Committee to focus on education; teaching people how to bike in addition to infrastructure improvements.

Alec Lawton requested that the Committee and staff save time when implementing new bikeways. Time taken to build lanes makes a huge difference.

Joseph Hood said priorities and maintenance are important, mentioning that street sweepers are needed, and trails need to connect to somewhere to truly be complete.


Claire Jubb (CJ) loves riding her bike but is scared riding in Houston. She feels bicyclists are seen as second class citizens and should be the baseline in equity discussions.

David Dick said separated bikeways are good, but roadway safety is important. He suggests the scope of the Committee should cover the entire bike network, as well as intersections.

Jessica Wiggins spoke about BikeHouston's Build 50 Challenge to build 50 miles of bikeway facilities in 12 months. She also invited everyone to attend the Bike Summit on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Maya Ford adjourned the meeting by 5:30 p.m.



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**Maya Ford**  
**Chair**



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**Jennifer Ostlind**  
**Interim Secretary**