

## Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

October 10, 2018

Meeting held in

Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex

2:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

Chair Maya Ford called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. with a quorum present.

Maya Ford, Chair

Clark Martinson, Vice Chair

Toloria Allen

Kristine Anthony

Katrina Bayer

Oni Blair

Neil Bremner

Absent

Robin Holzer

Beth Martin

Absent

Yuhayna Mahmud

Veon McReynolds

Absent

Amar Mohite

Absent

Doug Overman

Alejandro Perez

Ana Ramirez Huerta

Absent

Sandra Rodriguez

Matt Starr

Mike VanDusen

### EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Marlon Connley

Absent

Ian Hlavacek

Jennifer Ostlind, on Behalf of Patrick Walsh, P.E.

### 1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was given by Assistant Director Jennifer Ostlind, which included a status update on the Build 50 Challenge and city, county and TxDOT coordination. Target areas for the next round of engagement were listed. She also announced that the City's renewal of the Bike-Friendly Community status has been postponed to February 5, 2019.

### 2. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair, Maya Ford, praised ongoing coordination between City departments, public agencies and advocacy organizations involved in the Bicycle Advisory Committee for enhancing city resources and filling gaps. Chair Ford mentioned the work both the Education and Infrastructure subcommittees are doing. She also mentioned a need for a central platform for Committee members to communicate and stay updated outside of Committee meetings.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee action: Approved the July 17, 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Blair** Second: **Overman**

Vote: **Unanimous**

Abstaining: **None**

### **4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NATIONAL WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY**

Chair Ford, along with Members Robin Holzer and Oni Blair, spoke about their experiences and coordination for Walk and Bike to School Day. Discussion regarding efforts for May 8<sup>th</sup> Bike to School Day ensued.

### **5. PRESENTATION BY HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE BIKE RACK PROGRAM**

Debra Maxwell from the Houston Health Department presented about the City's free bike rack program. Discussion ensued and questions were taken.

### **6. PRESENTATION BY HOUSTON BIKE SHARE REGARDING DOCKLESS MOBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Henry Morris of Houston Bike Share presented about their final recommendations for dockless mobility in Houston. Recommendations have been passed on to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department (ARA) for development of a draft ordinance. Discussion ensued.

### **7. PRESENTATION BY HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE UPDATES**

Ex-officio member Ian Hlavacek presented about the Road Safety Audit conducted in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), BikeHouston and LINK Houston. The presentation included preliminary findings and next steps. Discussion ensued.

### **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff member Melissa Beeler stated the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2019 from 2:30 to 4:30 in City Hall Annex Council Chambers. She also stated half of the appointments on the Committee are expiring in January. Staff will be working with the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments.

Vice Chair Martinson stated the Moonlight Ramble bike ride will take place at St. Arnold's Brewery on October 27<sup>th</sup> at midnight.

Committee member Robin Holzer announced that the next Sunday Streets is November 4<sup>th</sup> in Rice Village. She also urged the public to think about how to make Houston's streets safer in light of the Road Safety Audit, LINK Houston's Street Safety Summit and Texas Institute of Traffic Engineers partnership with Women in Transportation Seminar Traffic Safety Seminar.

Committee member Alejandro Perez announced a health screening taking place on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00pm at Sam Houston High School.


Committee member Oni Blair shared that a summary of the Street Safety Summit was posted on their website.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Clint McManus, Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Ped-Bike Coordinator, announced that the TIP Call for Projects deadline is Halloween. He also mentioned the Regional Safety Plan was adopted in August. H-GAC is hosting a League of American Cyclists League Cycling Instructor Training from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is \$350, but BikeHouston has a limited number of scholarships available.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Maya Ford adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.



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**Maya Ford**  
Chair



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**Jennifer Ostlind**  
Interim Secretary

