

City of Houston BAC Education Subcommittee



PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT



3/24/2021

Call to Order: 2:35

Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair
Beth Martin
Lisa Graiff
Trevor Reichman
Jessica Wiggins
Yuhayna Mahmud
Judith Villarreal
Amar Mohite
Nikki Knight
Robin Holzer
Joe Cutrufo

Susan Jaworski, representing H-GAC

Planning & Development Staff: Sharon Moses Burnside, David Fields, Brandon Mosley, Brian Smith II

Public Works Staff: Lauren Grove

Parks & Recreation Staff: Juvenal Robles

1. Chair's Report – Tom Compson

- a. Chair Compson attended a Houston Tomorrow virtual call lead by Director Margaret Wallace and David Fields. This meeting covered the City of Houston current projects, Livable Places and Vision Zero. Chair Compson noted how amazing it is for professionals at the City leading the way in the areas of livable places and making the city livable for all residents.

2. Public Comments: None

- a. None

3. Recap of BikeTexas Cyclists in Suits Day – Robin Holzer

- a. Held virtually on March 22, 2021 in Austin, Texas. Participants met with 6 elected leaders to express bike and pedestrian safety concerns.
- b. Three bills were lobbied, HCR 65- Supports signature trail and active transportation network projects, HJR 109/ SJR 40- constitutional amendment to better fund biking and walking infrastructure, and HB 2081 / SB 1055 – The Lisa Torry Smith Act will make collisions involving pedestrians or bicycle in crosswalks a criminal offense.
- c. Robin shared BikeTexas' website with more information and the option to stay informed through their newsletter <https://www.biketexas.org/get-our-newsletter/>



4. Update on Trainings/Courses – Brian Smith II
 - a. Bicycle Friendly Drivers course (Park Houston)
 - i. One person requested this course this year. (has until June to complete)
 - ii. Still waiting for the total number of parking tickets issues for parking in bike lane.
 - b. H-GAC Bike Safety Courses
 - i. Online cycling savvy course (March – October)
 - ii. Bike Handling Bike Training Course will target outside Harris County (May- June)
 - iii. Bicycle Friendly Driver webinar (Requested as needed)

5. Education metrics for Silver and Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community status – Brian Smith II
 - a. Staff Member Brian Smith II presented on the City’s progress regarding the Bike League’s Bike Friendly Community education metrics. Discussion was on the City’s answers to education-themed questions in its initial 2018 application, the Bike League’s metrics to reach Silver- and Gold-Level BFC status, and feedback from the City’s most recent BFC report card.
 - The City’s largest gains are in public education and outreach
 - The largest gaps are in educating students and professionals (professional drivers, police, fleet, etc)
 - b. Steps to Silver (per the Report Card):
 - Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages
 - Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for K-12 Schools
 - Promote the current bicycling amenities better throughout the community through events and community-wide promotions.

6. Discussion: “Turning Vehicles Yield to Bikes & Peds” signs at intersections – Brian Smith II
 - a. Staff member Brian Smith II opened discussion on adding “Yield to Bikes and Peds” signs at intersections where trails cross streets. The installation of signs was brought up in previous meetings and there may be an opportunity to install some through Vision Zero Houston
 - b. BAC members were encouraged to send intersections of high concern to Lauren Grove from Public Works for piloting.

7. Announcements
 - a. Precinct 1 Billboard campaign



- In partnership with BikeHouston and Clear Channel Outdoor, Houston County Precinct 1 and Commissioner Rodney Ellis installed billboards promoting drivers be mindful of people on bikes on the road
- Locations:
 - 4 Large Freeway Boards at: North Loop at Kirkpatrick; State Hwy 249 at Fallbrook; North Belt at Lee Rd.; South Loop at Holt
 - 5 Poster Panels in Neighborhoods: Yale at 25th St.; Telephone at Airport, Cullen at Briscoe; Fuqua at Campden Hill; Willowbend at Stella Link
- Billboards provided by Clear Channel Outdoor; who donated \$30,000 in space.
- b. Bike to School Day – May 5, 2021
- c. Bike to Work Day – May 21, 2021
- d. Next Meetings:
 - BAC April 28, 2021
 - Infrastructure Subcommittee May 26, 2021
 - Education Subcommittee June 23, 2021

There being no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Compson, adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm