

# City of Houston

## BAC Education Subcommittee



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**June 28, 2023**

Call to Order. Co-Chair Jessica Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

### Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair BAC (P)  
Jessica Wiggins, Co-Chair (A)  
Leah Chambers, Co-Chair (P)  
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (A)  
Ben Drews(P)  
Lisa Graiff(P)  
Carl B. Salazar(A)  
Joe Cutrufo(P)  
Robin Holzer (P)

### Ex-Officio Members:

David Fields (P)  
Ian Hlavacek (A)  
Juvenal Robles (A)

#### 1) Director's Report. David Fields gave the Chair's Report:

- Director Fields wanted to highlight the work he and staff have been doing with the trucking agencies across the city on the education test. Planning Staff reached out to Silver Eagle. It was noted that some conversations have started with them that hasn't gone as far as we would have hoped. Staff presented last week to the Texas Trucking Association and had a great response.
- Individual owner operators and companies with their own fleets are very interested in seeing what we have already developed, and we'll talk about rolling that into their training further. Driver side, it's an ongoing conversation and then we just got connected with center point which was on the list the subcommittee gave us.
- Of companies that you all had tasked us with, and we have time set up, I think it must be July at this point to go over that with them. So, we're starting to make some progress. We've got the list. We're going to keep going down it and we'll keep updating you on where we're going.

#### 2) Chair's Report. Co-Chair Chambers gave the Chair's Report:

- Co-Chair Chambers informed the committee that we are continuing to move forward on some of the items that we discussed in previous meetings. She stated that Commander Christine Anthony Miller gave the subcommittee some notes about some things that she wants to talk about soon. So, we're going to just be collaborating on when that fits best in a meeting.

#### 3) Public Comment:

- Hi, I'm Elena Grassi a cyclist that uses the Columbia Tap Trail for commuting to UH. I'm concerned about the increased crime activity on the trail. Me and several other cyclists

are wondering who should be contacted to advocate for a police presence and increased security for that area. Please let me know what actions could be taken or who should we contact for this matter. Thank you and have a great day!

- Simon Newton - thanks Metro Houston restored expanded improved frequency and a bunch of bus routes on June 4th. I live in Montrose and I regular commute to a bunch of offices and energy corridor. I'm now able to do this again and I want to add additional thanks to Metro that for making it really easy to take a bike. so currently there's barriers of installed that are obstructing safe passage of pedestrians as well on opposite St. corners. You'll see photos of this in the comment they sent to you earlier today. Those St. those barriers really make no sense. They're obstructing people's access to grocery store normal sidewalk usage.

#### 4) Discussion: Potential Data Request to Staff

- Staff got a request from the co-chairs. Could we put together an advocacy piece going into this year's elections. Staff will provide data to anybody who asks. We have the bike website which has it available. What staff came up with was a more tailored approach that if this committee can help us identify what are the data needs we need to prepare. We can do that either by district or by super neighborhood we can decide which is the right level, but it's a difficult for staff to just say, and it is there is a pretty good time constraint when we're talking about a city that's big. So, we wanted to use this time to brainstorm. We don't have to have this answered today and thought the education subcommittee was the right group to bring this to. What we can do is in the notes in the follow up e-mail. We'll put this out as a request to everybody, we'll say three weeks for a response.

#### 5) Discussion: Bike to Work Expansion

- Tabled to next meeting.

#### 6) Presentation: Using Infotainment / Gamification to increase the knowledge of Houston Bike Plan

#### 7) Discussion: Lisa Torry Act Brochure

- In April, Co-Chair Wiggins requested that we provide more information for the public about the new Lisa Torry Act signs that were coming up in Houston. We created a pamphlet that could be given out to anyone at any events or at any community meetings.
- It's a bifold folding brochure with the frequently asked questions about the actual act. We're hopeful that this will give a lot of community members insight about the new signs.
- Once this is final, to also translate this in Spanish and Vietnamese.
- We appreciate this committee was the one who asked for this. The staff went back and developed it with a lot of help from justification. You should get a good stand out there and we're happy to bring this back to you.
- I think the idea was we wanted it's going to be in the package right and let the committee provide any comments within the next few weeks and then we can incorporate in a market final.
- We'll give it three weeks for comments and then we'll mark it final and have everything uploaded.

#### 8) Open Forum

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### 9) Announcements and Events:

- Staff is encouraging all BAC committee members to be in person at the July meeting. Reason being, we're taking a picture so we can update our website and there would be an ethics training facilitated by our legal staff.
- Next BAC meetings
  - 7/26/2023: Bicycle Advisory Committee
  - 8/23/2023: Infrastructure Subcommittee
  - 9/27/2023: Education Subcommittee

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.