



MINUTES

BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday, November 2nd 3:00 PM
College Station City Hall
Second Floor Conference Room
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas, 77840**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Blanche Brick, Phillip Lasley, James Batenhorst, Jon Denton, Brandon Boatcallie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Lightfoot, Scott Shafer

STAFF PRESENT: Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza, Board Secretary Amber Johnson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

Chairman Brick called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Hear Visitors

There were no visitors present to address the Board.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Consideration, discussion, and possible action to approve meeting Minutes.

Board Member Denton motioned to approve the meeting Minutes, from October 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Batenhorst and was approved (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the Lick Creek Greenway Trail Project.

Greenways Program Manager Venessa Garza presented updates on this item. Council motioned to approve (6-0) the construction contract change with Kieschnick General Contractors, Inc., reducing the contract in the amount of \$182,397.60 for the Lick Creek Hike and Bike Trail Project. Council decided to keep the existing sidewalk, do spot repairs to meet ADA requirements and stripe bike lanes with the repaving of Pebble Creek Parkway.

Ms. Garza stated that additional components requested in regards to the project will be discussed later with City Staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Presentation and discussion regarding Texas A&M University's Bicycle District Strategic Plan.

Mr. Ron Steedly the Alternative Transportation Manager at Texas A&M University was available to present this item to the Board. Texas A&M University is going to incorporate a new Bicycle District Strategic Plan into the Master Plan for the University.

Board Member Jon Denton asked if there is going to be an area designated for bicycles in the West Campus Garage.

Mr. Steedly stated that they do not currently have secure bike parking or a bike room at this location. He advised that they are looking at adding bike lockers in the garage and also some

covered bike parking by the dorms. He stated that the improvements are directed towards those who are interested in biking but do not currently use it as a mode of transportation.

Board Member Phil Lasley joined the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Board Member Lasley asked Ms. Garza if she thought that the City would be open to these new types of changes that are not currently being implemented since the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has given approval to these new types of designs as outlined in the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide.

Ms. Garza stated that although FHWA has approved these types of designs there is first a need to coordinate with Public Works as factors such as maintenance costs will need to be evaluated.

The board held a general discussion of the design and use of bike boxes that are proposed to be installed.

Mr. Steedly stated that bike boxes are to be installed eastbound at New Main Dr. and Walton Dr.

Chairman Brick asked when the installation of these new bike boxes is going to occur.

Mr. Steedly stated that it will be completed soon and that the drawings have been given to the contractor.

Ms. Garza asked when the final version of the Strategic Plan is going to be available.

Mr. Steedly stated that the final version of the plan is published on the Texas A&M University Transportation Services website.

Mr. Lasley asked when the first implementation of the strategic plan will occur.

Mr. Steedly stated that the striping projects on Bizell have been submitted and are to be redone. The changes that will require total reconstruction of roadways will occur when the roadway is scheduled to be redone.

Board Member Brandon Boatcallie stated that he has noticed several areas of pavement on the Texas A&M University campus that need to be repaired and asked how that type of repair work is addressed.

Mr. Steedly stated that the Transportation Services Department was recently given responsibility for the maintenance of the sidewalks and roadways. He stated that his department would be responsible for facilitating those repairs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Presentation and discussion regarding BPG Subcommittee Updates.

Greenways Program Manager Garza advised that there are no updates to this item as the Subcommittees have not met.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Presentation and discussion regarding education and encouragement opportunities.

Greenways Program Manager Garza advised that there are no updates to this item as the Subcommittees have not met.

Chairman Brick discussed an idea with the board regarding an advisory committee that the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) had formed with other cities. The advisory committees would bring together citizens such as pedestrians and have them walk areas and provide evaluations of the area. Ms. Brick advised that this could be a great way to gain some insight and information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Presentation and discussion regarding the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board calendar of upcoming meetings.

- November 5, 2015 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- November 19, 2015 ~ Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 6:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2015 ~ Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board ~ City Hall, Council Chambers ~ 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Possible action and discussion on future agenda items – A Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Advisory Board Member may inquire about a subject for which notice has not been given. A statement of specific factual information or the recitation of existing policy may be given. Any deliberation shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.

Board Member James Batenhorst requested an update on the natural trail that will be going in near Eagle Avenue and Chesapeake Lane.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

APPROVED:


Blanche Brick, Chairman

ATTEST:


Amber Johnson, Board Secretary