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**Meeting Minutes - Approved October 21, 2015  
City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

September 16, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
Ward 6 Council Office  
3202 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Tucson, AZ 85716

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1. Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Minutes  
**Quorum established. B.J. called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Jeannie moved to approve the minutes; Wendy seconded. All were in favor.**

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
B.J. Cordova	Maia Ingram
Davita Mueller	Valerie Vinyard
Moniqua K. Lane	John Anderson
Forest Weier	Emily Yetman
Jeannie Maldonado	Christian Padilla
David Walker	
Vanessa Cascio	
Wendy Lotze	

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Ann Chanecka  
Jeanna Burrell  
Michael Burrell  
Collin Forbes

Sgt. David Fernandez  
Robin Raine

2. **Call to the Audience: 6:02pm**  
No action taken.

Michael Burrell was injured when hit by a car during the 2012 Tour de Tucson. He would like to establish a bike/pedestrian commonality. He feels that enforcement and consequences are the keys to changing motorist behavior. Feels that there are many pedestrians at Alameda and Granada. He recounted an account of a City employee that was hit by a car at Alameda at Congress. The City employee stated that other coworkers experienced near misses at this intersection. Michael felt that there is a lack of enforcement in this area and a lack of speed limit signs. He stated that motorists must give cyclists 3' of space and this information should be included in driver training and diversion. He stated that a rubber flange should be installed in the streetcar tracks to prevent cycle accidents. He would like rumble strips or other features along bike lanes.

3. **Tucson Police Department Liaison Update 6:25pm**  
No action taken.

Sgt. Fernandez said the YTD we have had 7 pedestrian fatalities, compared to 8 last year. One pedestrian fatality on Old Nogales Highway as part of a DUI hit and run on 09/13/15. Then on 09/5/15, 4 pedestrians were hit on 5<sup>th</sup> and Euclid in a hit and run. The driver later called and stated that he was involved in the accident. The driver was impaired and driving with children in his vehicle. Four traffic accidents with pedestrians, all cases it appeared that pedestrians were in cross walks. Eight injuries with vehicles leaving the scene, no injuries requiring transportation to the hospital. Sgt. Fernandez feels that education is more important and effective than giving tickets.

Sgt. Fernandez stated that they are giving tickets to pedestrians since the diversion program is up and running.

David asked about enforcement of 3' space for cyclists. Sgt. Fernandez stated that this issue is difficult to enforce. He stated that motor officers must prioritize enforcement, and more dangerous violations are usually a priority.

TPD has been awarded a grant by GHOS for the new fiscal year in October. The City has not finalized approval or processing of the grant. Last year's grant was \$30,000. Deployments are usually 4 to 5 hours in length.

Michael Burrell asked if TPD has thought of using bike ambassadors to reach out to people in hot spots. Sgt. Fernandez stated that he could bring this up with TPD.

**4. Staff Updates**  
**Ann Chanecka**  
**7:20pm**

Ann stated that signal at 5<sup>th</sup> and Euclid was turned on today. Bicycles were using it as intended more than pedestrians in Ann's observation today. One thought was to have volunteers to demonstrate how to use signal as an educational opportunity.

Kudos to Vanessa for a grant from the Casino for pedestrian safety. Approximately \$18,000. Half of the amount is slated for police officer training. The second half is for renting a billboard ad, bus ads, and PSA. Money must be spent by July, 2016.

Ann may send email asking for volunteers to demonstrate how to use the signal.

Colin raised the issue that the CTAC presentation seemed to assume that PAC would sunset in 2017. Ann stated that she has not heard anything about PAC sunsetting in 2017 except that it was part of the Mayor/Council resolution when the group was created. That can be changed.

Ann stated that Tucson is on the federal pedestrian and bicycle safety list, due to the high number of crashes.

Jeannie stated that bicycle and pedestrian improvements are not necessarily beneficial for each other. The needs of the two groups have different needs. Bicyclists are very vocal and active as a group.

Kino and 22<sup>nd</sup> grand opening to be held on 10/02/15.

**5. Proposed Changes to the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)**  
**Robin Raine, Deputy Director, TDOT**  
**6:44pm**

CTAC is a forum for representatives of all transportation modes. CTAC hasn't had a quorum since 2012. The criteria for selecting members and purpose of CTAC will be examined and revised.

CTAC was created in 1980, 12 members, (4 at large members). Only 5 members are currently serving on CTAC.

Proposed CTAC goals: provide citizen advisory forum to city, region, and all modes of transportation. Ensure appointment of members. Provide a chairperson for any project specific to CTAC. Restructure membership for opportunity to reorganize other advisory bodies and save members time and resources.

Proposed changes: membership structure, membership terms, and modify committee functions.

Proposed Membership changes: increase to 13 members, allow appointment by City Manager to fill empty spots IF the advisory group that slot represents does not choose to, maintain CTAC representation on Park Tucson Commission and Transit Task Force.

Proposed changes to Terms: co-term with elected officials, 8 years maximum term.

Proposed changes to Functions: advise TDOT instead of governing body, provide recommendations to Mayor and Council, provide chairperson for any project advisory committees.

Next Steps: presenting to Transit Task Force in October, present to other committees in future, present proposal to Mayor and Council in December.

Davita and BJ asked whether CTAC had considered allowing alternates to attend meetings in place of the designated representative. Robin: they will consider this idea.

Wendy noted that CTAC members were likely to be placed on several committees, due to the structure of CTAC and appointments to project committees. Colin noted that CTAC members could be committed to several meetings per month.

David had a concern that the City Manager could appoint several CTAC members and loading up the committee. Robin: members would be selected by their experience and City Manager would not act immorally.

Jeannie asked what was impetus for current focus on CTAC. Robin: City always wants effective citizen input on transportation issues.

Robin would like comments and input by October.

## **6. PAC Strategizing Session**

### **a. Advocacy Advancement Document – best practices for BPAC**

Jeannie stated that this document recommends that we act as an advocacy group, rather than chase specific projects. PAC would ask for input from citizens and go out into city to view issues. She would like PAC to act as advocates and determine why policies already in place are not being carried out.

Ann stated that PAC has standing as an advisory body with the City, since it is appointed by the City.

BJ saw one of PAC's strengths as being a committee specific to pedestrian issues and not diluted by bicycle or other issues.

**b. Organizational issues / goals / etc.**

Each of the subcommittees summarized its purpose and activities for David.

**c. Tabling, events, etc.**

This item was not discussed.

**7. Subcommittee Action Plan Annual Strategizing Session – Subcommittee will take a look at the plan and identify goals for the next year**

**a. Policy and Implementation**

**b. Funding and Infrastructure**

**c. Education, Promotion, and Enforcement**

This item was moved to next month's meeting agenda. BJ asked that each subcommittee meet within the next month and update their Action Plan.

**8. Adjourn**

BJ moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.