



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee

November 18, 2015

Approved Meeting Minutes

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee held an "Action" meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

1. Call to Order, Introductions

Quorum established. Wendy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

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

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Alexander Bardoff
Collin Forbes
Wayne Cullop
Eric Post
Ann Channecka
Sam Sanford
Amy Stabler

2. Approval of Minutes

Maia moved to approve the minutes with correction; Wendy seconded. All were in favor.
6:02pm

3. Call to the Audience & Announcements

6:04pm

No action taken.

Alexander Bardorff in Dundbar Springs. He wants to improve walkability in neighborhood (overgrown vegetation, no sidewalks). People are forced to walk in streets. BJ stated that Code enforcement can required clearing vegetation. Code Enforcement sends a notice by mail before giving a violation. Alexander stated that strollers and wheelchairs can't get around the neighborhood. Some environmentalists oppose adding sidewalks.

4. Staff updates: Ann Channecka

6:15pm.

No action taken.

Ann stated that they will get the safety grant. She wants to run education material by the Education subcommittee. Money must be spent by July. Grant is for \$18,000, \$9,000 of which is for police training.

Ann will present on Bike Boulevard Master Plan at the next PAC meeting. Anyone that wants info or items added to the agenda, let Ann know by Thursday before the PAC meeting. Maia asked for update on the Mayor's Challenge. Ann stated that they will put together the recommendations. Jeannie asked if policies are part of Bike Boulevard Master Plan. Ann stated that policies are included. They may change name of "Bike Boulevard", since not all improvements are bike related. Suggestions for new names are welcome. One name being used elsewhere is "Neighborway."

Ann recently presented on Church Avenue improvements. Design will accommodate all users. Funding is somewhat limited. Other less expensive improvements are being considered. Forty people attended the open house.

5. 22nd Street Pedestrian Safety Zone

Ann Channecka

6:30pm

Dionne Schwarz collaborated with Ann on signage options. Ann described map of crashes on 22nd map. RTA calls for widening of 22nd. Funding may be available for HAWK at

Osborne. Dionne suggested that the corridor could be designated as a Safety Corridor with extra pedestrian signage. Large signs could be used.

Maia would like PAG to include the 22nd corridor in the Bike/Pedestrian Counts. About 100 sites are counted each year by volunteers for PAG.

Ann believes that most crashes are due to crossing 22nd, not moving with traffic. Wendy would like to know if darkness/night time plays a role in crashes. 22nd has little lighting. Vanessa asked if a Road Safety Assessment has been done. Ann stated that an assessment has not been done.

Info PAC wanted on crashes: time of day, direction of travel, age of people

Ann would like more targeted enforcement regarding speeding. Maia and Emily questioned why speed limit is not lower on 22nd. Wendy noted that there is very little police presence on 22nd.

Ann stated that the Safety Corridor could be a pilot program for Tucson. Ann wasn't sure if City can double fines within a Safety Corridor, or whether this is limited by State Code.

Jeannie asked about education of public on Safety Corridor. Ann stated that education would be good to include in program.

Valerie asked if Red Light cameras affects police presence and manpower for enforcement of pedestrian issues.

Ann summary of issue: can we look at speed limit, safety assessment, police presence and speed enforcement, more detail on crashes, education of public on safety corridor

Valerie made motion for John to draft letter in support of Ann moving forward with Safety Corridor pilot for 22nd. John seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Vulnerable User Law for City of Tucson

6:55pm

Wayne Cullop : Cycling Advocates of Arizona is newly formed group. City of Tucson does not have a Vulnerable User Law. CASA sent out a draft of the law to local jurisdictions.

Only one local jurisdiction responded, stating that it should go to the State Level.

Vulnerable User: bikes, people with pets, under 15 years old, skateboards, etc. Monetary fee of \$2,000, 30 days in jail. Wayne asked for support from PAC on the issue with M&C.

Platinum certification by League of American Bicyclists for Bike Friendly Communities application asks whether city has a vulnerable user law. Tucson is currently Gold level.

BAC is writing a letter in support.

Eric Post: this is a criminal statute. City may have a limitation on the amount of the fine. He wants to meet with City to revise statute wording to something that City could

implement. Oregon was first state with a Vulnerable User Law and it required further investigation of violations of the law. Tucson investigations are often lacking in bike related crashes. He would like level of investigation to improve. Arizona State has a statute for serious injury that is similar to Vulnerable User Law, but only for certain infractions. He would like a letter from PAC supporting the concept.

Maia stated that she will write the letter of support.

Davita moved that PAC supports the concept of the Vulnerable User Law. Wendy seconded. All voted in favor.

7. Update on TAP funding

7:25pm

No action taken.

BJ, John, and Wendy met with PAG on the issue. PAG will send a representative to PAC meetings. BJ asked about funding for bike/ped programs. Ann stated that Safe Routes to Schools is one program, Bike/Ped programs is the second. Bike/Ped is funded for a few years. Safe Routes is not funded thru next year. PAG has stated that the Mayor should be a voice for these issues. Transportation Department also stands on some PAG committees. PAG has said that they would keep PAC in the loop for providing feedback on PSAs and outreach programs. PAC wants to give feedback in before programs are finalized or just about to be released to the public.

Wendy stated that TAP funding at this point is limited to costs of material, not labor for distributing materials or other services. There appears to be a gap in funding for hard materials vs. education & other services.

Ann stated that PAG would help us find private funding as a response to PAC's concerns. BJ stated that private funding is a short term and not a long term, sustainable funding source.

In regard to PAC's request to re-evaluate project recommendation criteria after the process had begun, Sam of PAG stated that they didn't want to revisit criteria on funding which could require additional federal review. PAG doesn't want to set FTE (full time equivalent) costs as a reoccurring budget item, in response to cost vs. labor concerns.

Sam stated that in good news, there are federal funding sources. A current Transportation bill proposed longer term funding for 6 years.

Emily wanted to see responses from PAG to PAC's concerns.

Maia wanted clarification of TAP funding and what can be done legally. She would like information to come from a source other than PAG.

Wendy suggested that Ryan as Aide to Mayor, may be a place to start as a source for explaining the legal constraints on transportation funding.

Emily stated that there is a webinar on December 8 explaining Safe Routes to Schools funding.

8. Subcommittee Reports/Annual Action Plans

7:55pm

No action taken.

- a) Policy and Implementation – no discussion
- b) Funding and Infrastructure-no discussion
- c) Education, Promotion and Encouragement

Vanessa: the subcommittee did an outreach at Meet Me at Maynards. She felt that outreach was somewhat challenging at this type of event. They did receive suggestions and input from some walkers.

9. Adjourn at 8:02 pm.