



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

June 15, 2016

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
(approved 07/20/16)

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee held an "Action" meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order, Introductions

Quorum established. Wendy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

- 2. Approval of Minutes

John moved to approve the minutes from last meeting; Valerie seconded. All were in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Davita Mueller Forest Weier John Anderson Emily Yetman Steve Bressler Jeannie Maldonado David Walker Wendy Lotze Maia Ingram at 6:25 Valerie Vineyard	Christian Padilla Vanessa Cascio

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Andy Bemis
Sgt. Allen
Collin Forbes

Sam Sanford

3. Call to the Audience & Announcements

Wendy stated that Moniqua has resigned. There is now an opening in Route 5 and Disabilities rep.

Emily said that there is an event on June 25 - "Welcome to the Neighborhood". November 20 is a Remembrance Day for people lost in pedestrian crashes or unsafe pedestrian environment. Jeannie stated that it is open to family members and she asked PAC members to reach out to people that are grieving or involved in crashes.

Jeannie has spoken with City about Phase 2 on Grant Road widening regarding a lack of pedestrian route during construction.

4. Staff updates: Tucson Police Dept., Tucson Dept. of Transportation, Pima Assoc. of Governments 6:10 pm

Sgt. Allen stated that he sent out a list of crashes in month of May. First fatal in May was a bicyclist that was walking his bike across the middle of the street at Bilby and Nogales. Second fatal was a child on a toy ahead of his father. Driver turns right at intersection and hits child in non painted crosswalk. Charges have not been filed at this time.

Valerie asked who would investigate tow truck driver hit on Interstate. Sgt stated that DPS would be responsible. Valerie asked about crash scene on Broadway. Sgt didn't have more info, it may be in next report. June 13: collision on 1600 W Valencia, pedestrian in roadway was hit, pedestrian deceased at hospital. Pedestrian was not in a cross walk. Valerie asked how many fatal pedestrian crashes. Sgt: 5 this year, versus 6 at this time last year.

Sgt. stated that there is a small amount of grant enforcement this month and next month. Grant money is almost spent. TPD does 3 hour blocks of enforcement. One or 2 deployments per week with 5 officers. Locations based on collisions. Focus is on HAWKS or high pedestrian areas for speeding.

Jeannie asked if there is educational info to hand out for HAWK violators. Andy said there is info available and he will get it to TPD.

This Friday TPD are are doing 6th and Ajo.

Wendy asked if there could be a hand out for speeders to inform them that the enforcement is for pedestrian safety.

Steve asked if there is more compliance on pedestrian issues/safety. Sgt stated that crime rates seem the same and response times have gotten better. Traffic enforcement now has fewer officers than in the past. Much enforcement is now reacting to community concerns and issues.

Valerie asked how many officers are on DUI force. Sgt stated that he could get this information.

Andy Bemis stated that a new bike HAWK is going in on 9th, and Grant & Saguaro. Craycroft HAWK is just pedestrian crossing.

Emily stated that a new pedestrian crossing with a sign is now on Toole.

Sam Sanford stated that at the last Regional Council Meeting that the pedestrian safety plan was adopted. RMAP was adopted at same meeting, along with TIP. Information on plans is available online at the Regional Council web page. Next Phase is developing applications. Sam stated that the regular source for safety programs is changing thru ADOT.

STP: strategic transportation plan

5. Review Law Enforcement Training

6:38pm

Andy Bemis: training will be on July 19. Andy presented an agenda for the training. Craig Allred will conduct the training. Training is open to all interested TPD officers. Andy read information on Craig Allred's work history. Maia asked if it will be filmed. Andy did not know if it will be filmed. Jeannie asked where community partners are brought up in the training. Andy stated that Ann would likely have the answer. Jeannie will follow up with Ann regarding community partners. Training will be held at the Miracle Mile Police Station.

David stated that there is no item for Youth/Students on the training agenda. Andy stated that the agenda was likely based on Allred's information. Additions can be proposed, but Allred may not have information on the topic.

6. Pedestrian Safety Plan Updates

6:50 pm

Andy Bemis stated that the city conference call was held regarding the safety plan. Pete Lagerway will be involved in the safety plan. Pete was in Tucson for the BAC retreat and a walk and talk in downtown. This occurred 3 or 4 years ago. August 23 through 25th is when Pete will be in Tucson. Pete may be able to attend a PAC meeting (August 24 is a Wednesday). Pete's workshop is on developing a Pedestrian Safety Plan. Day 1: large group, everyone is invited for brainstorm. Days 2 & 3: smaller group to hash out the plan, a few PAC members will be invited for these days.

Maia suggested that Jeannie and Vanessa attend the meeting.

August PAC meeting could be rescheduled to allow Pete to attend.

7. Revisit Broadway Project

7:00pm

Emily Yetman: stated that the City has decided to move forward with the 30 percent plans for Broadway. Emily stated that the Campbell intersection remains very large in the design and appears out of scale. Emily asked if PAC wants to address the design with the City. PAC could proactively raise issues for the next road widening.

Mayor and Council approved the 30 percent plans a few months ago. The alignment has been set for the most part. Emily would like something on record stating that PAC is worried for safety with the existing design/alignment.

Sam encouraged PAC to stay involved in the review of designs and plans. He has seen examples where public involvement has improved safety of roadway projects.

Maia asked about a letter to the editor from PAC or other ways to express PAC's opinions on safety and design. Davita stated that we need to stay involved in the process, even though it is frustrating. People have been waiting for the Broadway widening for decades. PAC is frustrated at lack of landscaping and buffers along Broadway. Davita is frustrated with walking thru parking lots and lack of visibility. Davita feels that it is important to keep our voice out there, since there are many more projects in the pipeline. John thought that we needed more allies and partners with PAC. Maia asked about inviting Broadway Coalition to PAC meeting. John would like data on width of lanes vs. pedestrian safety.

Jeannie felt that many of the crashes in the TPD reports are related to right and left turns.

Emily is willing to write a letter for PAC regarding the Broadway Widening project.

Wendy would like the Coalition or BAC to be a part of the letter, so it is not just coming from PAC. Maia felt that Steve Kozachik may appreciate some support on the Broadway issue.

Maia suggested an open letter or op ed, as a more public letter. Davita suggested trying to get on the Mayor & Council agenda. Steve didn't think that PAC could write an op ed letter. He suggested writing letters to Mayor & Council and developing expertise. It took BAC several years to develop expertise and a reputation as a valuable committee. Steve felt that PAC needs to develop outside allies.

Motion made by Davita: Emily and others write a letter to M&C, TDOT, City Manager's office expressing PAC's concerns and requesting that someone from M&C, TDOT, City Managers offices meet with PAC. John seconded motion. All voted in favor.

Andy suggested having alternatives to any problems raised by PAC. Wendy suggested writing multiple letters. John asked about timeliness of letter and schedule. Maia suggested

focusing letter on the Campbell intersection. Letter will be sent before the next PAC meeting.

Wendy suggested agenda an item for next meeting: building relationships and allies with PAC. Wendy will invite Steve Kozachik to a PAC meeting.

8. Subcommittee Reports

a) Funding & Infrastructure

Forest said they did not meet. John and Forest would like to move meeting back to Wednesdays.

b) Education Promotion & Enforcement

Valerie said they did not meet.

c) Policy & Implementation

Davita said they did not meet. July 6 is the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

Wendy moved to adjourn at 7:50pm.