



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

August 17, 2016

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
(approved 09/21/16)**

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee held an “Action” meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 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. Vanessa called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes
John moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. David seconded. All were in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

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

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Sam Sanford
Collin Forbes

3. Call to the Audience & Announcements

6:16pm

Colin stated that the sidewalk is closed at HiFi downtown. He believes they will expand sidewalk after they have expanded the patio. He believes that they should have expanded the sidewalk first. Jeannie stated that she will have a site visit with the Policy Subcommittee to the site to look at the issue.

Jeannie stated that on November 20, Sunday, Tucson will participate in International Day of Remembrance for Victims of Traffic Violence at 4:45 to 5:23pm in Little Chapel of All Nations. For each person that has died on our streets in last 3 years, a pair of shoes and candle will symbolize the loss. (Location: Highland and 1st Street).

Walktucson.org website is live according to Vanessa.

David sent a thank you letter to Tucson Police Department for attending the Pedestrian training.

4. Broadway Boulevard Letters

6:25 pm

Vanessa stated that PAC has written two letters regarding the intersection at Broadway and Campbell. John stated that there is already a group "Take Another Look at Broadway". He stated that City staff would have liked concrete suggestions from this group. He doesn't think the road needs 2 left turn lanes and 1 right turn lane, maybe add in "left turn on arrow only." Jeannie likes idea of having 2 letters and including traffic data information. Forest liked the bulleted points in John's letter, maybe one letter could come from a subcommittee and one letter from PAC. Sam thought that PAC might want to include how PAC wants to be included in the review/comment process on the project. Sam stated that striping, signage, and lighting are affordable revisions that can be made on many projects. Steve felt that letters have to come from PAC, not an individual. He said that BAC was around for a long time and had very influential members. BAC developed influence that PAC does not yet have. Emily originally wanted a letter specific to the Broadway/Campbell intersection. This letter would serve as a record if problems later happened. Emily thought a second letter could spell out how PAC should be involved in the process.

John said he will revise his letter. Jeannie said she will revise Valerie's letter. The letters will reference each other.

Steve thought it might be a good idea to meet with Council member Kozachik regarding the letter.

Steve made motion that Jeannie and John will revise their letters prior to the September meeting. John seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Strategic Planning

a. Review of Boards & Commission survey results

6:55 pm

PAC has not received the survey results according to Vanessa.

Davita thought the most interesting survey question was “Are you fulfilling your purpose?” She felt that we address Mayor and Council’s need to feel that they did something to address pedestrian safety issues. Vanessa felt that survey questions related to the PAC Work Plan. Vanessa feels that there should be a separate Pedestrian committee, if Pedestrian committee is included in an alt-transit committee, then pedestrian issues will be diluted.

b. Discuss agenda for Peter Lagerway’s Visit

7:14 pm

Lagerway meeting will be next Wednesday at Exo Coffee on 6th Avenue in the Workspace from 6pm (maybe 6:30pm) to 7pm. This is happening after the first day of the Lagerway workshop.

Vanessa’s questions for Lagerway: share his experience with other PACs, how to apply political pressure, where to obtain data on car centric design versus safety,

Davita’s questions for Lagerway: how do we bring in non transportation decision makers.

David stated that Lagerway is coming from a denser, urban area which is different than Tucson. Vanessa stated that other large cities in the west are working to become more pedestrian friendly city. David felt that Lagerway may have advice on raising community awareness, via radio or other means. Forest stated he would like advice from Lagerway on his experience with other PACs and how to influence local political figures.

c. Updating PAC’s work plan

7:34pm

Vanessa asked that subcommittees send her updates, if applicable, on their goals.

6. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Workshop.

7:36 pm

a. Review Agenda

Vanessa stated that no Council members are attending the Workshop. The Mayor is attending, he is also speaking at the workshop. Davita thinks that some Council members will attend at the last minute. Jeannie asked how PAC can drive the issues within the Workshop. John asked what is Lagerway’s experience and strengths? Vanessa said that PAC should present at a Mayor & Council Study Session. This would be one way to grow relationships and influence. John would like to know where PAC can obtain data and facts on data versus pedestrian safety.

Lagerway suggested that we have concrete takeaways (examples: identify corridors to address, quarterly reviews by the PAC is written into the Plan to create accountability).

Jeannie said that PAC sees lack of leadership on ped/transportation issues as a big issue. She thinks that PAC can ask questions of Lagerway that will lead the discussion to address leadership issues. Jeannie thinks that we need the support of the Council members. What questions will prompt the discussions that PAC wants addressed.

Vanessa stated that Tucson has not been involved in the FHWA calls on Pedestrian Focused Cities. David thought it might be effective to have victims of crashes speak at the workshop.

Colin asked what is the incentive for City to work to remove itself from the FHWA list. Jeannie said that one positive step by the City has been the creation of PAC. Steve asked how many times have the Mayor or Council members attended a PAC meeting?

Emily expressed concern that the agenda reads as a class on pedestrian issues and design for the first day. Colin expects that the first day is informational, with the second and third day more in depth.

Jeannie said that the City staff is underfunded, which is not on the agenda. The staff already has access to technical/design which is on the agenda. Jeannie sees the lack of leadership in the City as a major issue. She feels that many agenda items are not an effective use of time.

Vanessa feels that the agenda is following the template of a Ped Safety Action Plan (PSAP). Jeannie cited the PSAP which states that not all sections will apply to all cities. She feels that PAC can determine which items should be included or removed from the agenda of the workshop. We do not have to follow the agenda as it is currently written. She thinks that we could spend all 3 days on leadership/culture issues, if we felt this is the most important issue.

Vanessa asked how can we avoid getting bogged down by overwhelming need? Her possible solution: we could focus on specific locations, such as 1st avenue, 6th avenue, or 22nd street. We might want to emphasize: funding, or other issues. Colin felt that complaints can get results from the City.

David thought that Jeannie should speak or give blessing on Day 2, regarding the Remembrance Day and personalize the issue of pedestrian safety.

Vanessa is meeting with Ann Chanecka this Thursday.

7. Adjourn

Vanessa moved to adjourn at 8:01pm.