

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On February 26, 2018, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in the Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 203, for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	13	5
Tim Ingalls	Yes	13	11
David Szmagalski	Yes	13	13
Austin Collins	Yes	13	5
Stephen Hayward	No	12	10
Ed Commons	No	12	11
Steve Rogers	Yes	10	8
Howard Smith	Yes	6	6

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Kyle Schniederjan	City Engineer, Capital Projects & Development Engineering
Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
David Szmagalski	Traffic Operations Technician
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney, Legal Dept.
Travis Muno	Senior Planner, Urban Transportation Planning
AJ Fawver	Planning Director
Pat Westbrook	Assistant Parks Director
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, Traffic Engineering
Alexis Sandoval	Traffic Intern

Other persons attending the meeting were Daniel Brannon and Steve Pair.

ITEM 1: Call to Order. Committee Chairman Ingalls established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:09 a.m.

ITEM 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Member Hayward previously had sent corrections and additions to the minutes of the December 18, 2017, meeting. Committee Member Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: FWHA Road Diet Presentation.

Committee Chairman Ingalls asked for feedback on the Federal Highway Association Road Diet presentation, which was held on February 1, 2018. Kyle Schniederjan, City Engineer, stated the presentation was well done and informative to city staff as well as to others. City staff made available

handouts of the Average Daily Traffic Map prepared by Committee Member Hayward and a City of Amarillo Hike and Bike Map.

ITEM 4: MD Oliver-Eakle of Plemons Subdivision.

Mr. Schniederjan passed out handouts of graphics for Polk, Tyler, and Harrison Streets showing existing lane usage as well as options for proposed lane usage. He asked for thoughts or recommendations from committee members on the proposals. David Szmagalski, Traffic Operations Technician, stated that stop signs are not effective for speed control since often times drivers speed up to make up for lost time. Mr. Schniederjan stated that speed control measures such as roundabouts or neighborhood beautification projects chosen by the neighborhood would require private funding. Committee Member Rogers said he thought it would be prudent to seek input from the neighborhood residents concerning lane usage and parking issues.

Mr. Schniederjan stated that he understood speed reduction is the primary goal. Members discussed various means of speed control including parking lanes, shared lane usage, curb extensions, neighborhood beautification projects, and neighborhood-owned speed monitoring equipment. Changing the road from one-way to two-way and reduction of the speed limit were also discussed. He suggested city staff prepare a priority list to present to the committee for input before it is presented to the Traffic Advisory Board and the Oliver-Eakle Neighborhood Association. He stated public meetings could be scheduled to allow for greater participation and discussion.

ITEM 5: Capital Expenditures.

Mr. Schniederjan reported that staff had been approached about the availability of the Pitcher Pump Ranch property at Helium Road and SW 9th Avenue and the possibility of the city purchasing the property for use as a park with bicycle trails. Amarillo Children's Home presently owns the property. He explained that the city has a five-year Capital Improvements Plan, and city departments must compete for available funds. He reported the Parks Department available funding is obligated for the present five-year period. They have plans to hire a consultant to prepare a Parks Master Plan, and other planned projects include improvements to the Gene Howe and Martin Road Lake area and to the Warford Activity Center. He stated the next five-year period begins in 2021, and all city departments will be competing for available funding. Members discussed seeking other funding options, including grants and private fundraising. Committee Member Collins suggested other city-owned property be considered for bicycle trails.

ITEM 6: 2003-2010 Hike and Bike Master Plan.

Mr. Schniederjan stated that staff has provided copies of the 2003 and 2010 Hike and Bike Master Plan. He explained although the 2003 plan was presented and approved by City Council and the 2010 was not, both plans are valid. Pat Westbrook, Assistant Parks Director, stated the Parks Department has plans to hire a consultant for an in-depth parks master plan. She said they are specifically looking at connections to the parks system, and she stated their present focus is on the Rail Trail project.

ITEM 7: City of Amarillo Website.

Mr. Schniederjan reported that the city website has been redesigned. Members discussed updating the bicycle map on the website.

ITEM 8: Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date.

Members agreed the next meeting would be held on March 19, 2018.


The following were suggested agenda items for future meetings:

1. Speed control in the Mrs. Oliver-Eagle of Plemons Subdivision.
2. 2018 street overlay projects.
3. Discuss future meeting format.

ITEM 9: Public Forum.

There was no comment from the public.

ITEM 10: Adjournment. There being no further business, Committee Member Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Collins, and the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Name], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Name], Board Secretary