

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On February 10, 2020, 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 the Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	28	16
Tim Ingalls	Yes	31	29
Ed Commons	Yes	30	29
Steve Rogers	No	24	18
Howard Smith	Yes	24	23
Angela Harney	Yes	11	10
Terri Guengerich	Yes	2	2
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	2	2

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Assistant Director of Public Works
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Raymond Lee	Public Works Director
Haley Hernandez	Civilian Personnel
Shane Chadwick	APD
Emily Koller	Planning & Development Services Manager

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Harney called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:01 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Harney asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the January 6, 2020 minutes. Committee member Guengerich mentioned her name was misspelled and it has been corrected. Committee Member Commons made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 5:0.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

A. Update on APD data collection and analysis on Arterial segments with high accident rates;
Donny introduced Lt. Shane Chadwick and Senior Analyst Haley Hernandez with the APD. They presented a power point to the committee. Donny also presented the committee with two GIS Maps as well. Analyst Hernandez pointed out things to consider that Cities like McKinney and Frisco are more than likely accommodating to pedestrians and cyclists. She has completed basic research on Traffic Design Layouts. Ultimately, in order to reduce the number of accidents, we would have to call these Cities to ask about their design layouts to compare to our City. Public Works Director, Raymond Lee noted that Cities McKinney and Frisco are newer Communities with such amenities built into their streets. Donny Hooper, Assistant Director of Public Works, also noted that Grand Prairie does have less centerline lane miles than Amarillo. Lubbock, Texas has a high number of pedalcyclist accidents because the City is a College town. Lt. Chadwick went on to mention and update the committee on the Pedestrian accidents and fatalities by the top streets in Amarillo. The vast majority causes of accidents on Amarillo Blvd. are a failure of right of way by the pedestrian. The last half dozen of accidents, the pedestrians are intoxicated. A lot of the accidents occur at night. Chairman Harney suggested building a pedestrian bridge on Amarillo Blvd. She would like a specificity broader swap of data and time periods of the dangerous Intersections and to look at the infrastructure differently. Donny will work with Traffic Engineer and APD to get more information to present to the committee.

B. Update on safe crossing of 45th to John Stiff Park;
Donny presented a map to the Committee. There is a crossing light at the fire station that is used for preemption so they leave station. The City has to analyze this area to see if this can be used for a pedestrian crossing. There are several different options that the City can look into. One option would be at the Library. It would cost \$50,000.00 for sidewalks, ADA and ramps and striping. Ultimately, the City would want to get the pedestrian traffic not just to the library but also down to the corner of Coulter where they can then have access to Coulter St. The connectivity would be greater. Donny noted that he did meet with City Transit about receiving grant money. The bus stop is only for the Library. Chairman Harney inquired about the cost about a sidewalk from Sandy to the Library. Donny mentioned that he would have to add in that number for that particular side. He would have to add in the cost of a HAWK Installation. Donny introduced Planning & Development Services Manager Emily Koller. She has been looking at a paved asphalt trail as an alternative and more cost effective. Donny can present to committee more cost effective ways for the crossing at 45th to John Stiff.

C. Presentation on City "Safe Zone Guidelines and Process Development" program;
Donny presented a general update on safe zone area in Wolflin. He is looking at developing a neighborhood pedestrian safety engagement petition process program. The resident can come to the City would be able to petition to do "X" project such as a safe zone area for speed reduction, and/or signage. It would create a process where neighborhoods can come to the City with a petition that meet certain criteria to request such things. At least 2/3 of the neighborhood would have to be in favor of a project happening for it to move forward. It will then be presented to the committee and recommendations would be made. Once funding is achieved, it would move onto the Traffic Advisory Board and they would make their recommendations and if they are for it, there can be a public engagement on it. It will then move onto City Council.

D. Discussion regarding "Ride your bike to the meeting" day.
As a pedestrian and bicycle safety advisory committee, Chairman Harney knows that when a pedestrian walks or rides a bike to a place, a person becomes a more empathetic driver. She proposed to the committee members that they ride a bike or walk to meeting at least once a year. Committee member Ingalls suggested that the members meet at a closer location and ride to the meeting.

ITEM 4: Discuss and Consider Installation of Pedestrian Safety Device at Georgia & Plains.

The traffic study at Georgia & Plains has concluded. The two recommendations are to upgrade the signal system as it is now or to install a pedestrian HAWK similar to what's out at Coulter between Texas Tech and Northwest Texas Hospital to allow pedestrians to cross safely. The cost of a HAWK installation is in the \$80,000.00 range. Fortunately, TXDOT donated some poles to the Traffic Department that they can use. That would be more cost effective at \$20,000.00. Chairman Harney made a motion to install a HAWK at this location. Committee member Ingalls seconded and the motion carried 5:0. It will now move to the Traffic Advisory Board.

Item 5: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

- TXDOT Update on Blvd.
- Presentation on Bike Lanes (Given by Raymond Lee)
- 45th & SW Park-John Stiff Park Update
- Round a Bout Islands
- Downtown two-way Street

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on March 30th.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Ingalls adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



[Angela Harney], Chairman

ATTEST:



[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary