

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On October 26, 2020, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. by Video Conference for the Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Joe Chris Rodriguez	Yes	30	18
Tim Ingalls	Yes	36	34
Ed Commons	Yes	34	33
Steve Rogers	Yes	28	22
Howard Smith	Yes	28	27
Angela Harney	Yes	16	15
Terri Guengerich	Yes	7	6
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	7	7

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
Emily Koller	Planning 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 11:00 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 September 21, 2020 minutes. Committee Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Guengerich seconded the motion, and motion carried 5:0.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

A. Update on Wolflin Traffic Study

Michael Padilla updated the Committee on traffic counts and the speed studies of various locations that have been conducted. There are four locations for a possible 4-way stop. The boundaries were 32nd, 22nd, Washington and Bowie. The traffic counts are from 2019. Those have been redone in July 2020 at an average of three days. With traffic volumes and speed the way they are now, the Wolflin area can be reduced to a 25 mph speed limit zone. Traffic has been working with the Planning Dept. to become a registered neighborhood. Traffic will also be coming up with a set of guidelines and standards to follow that will be presented at a later time.

B. Discussion on Registered Neighborhood Project

Emily Koller, Planning Manager, presented the committee with a program that would give Neighborhoods a voice. The primary benefits would be to help improve the flow of information between neighborhood groups and the City. It has not been approved as of yet. It still has to go through Council. She went on to discuss how to petition the Pedestrian Safety Process. Registered neighborhoods that are interested in traffic calming devices must start with a property owner petition. The forms are provided by the Public Works Dept.

C. Update on TXDOT Amarillo Blvd Traffic Study

Michael gave an update on the HAWK Crossings at Amarillo Blvd. The plans are 90% complete. A consultant has been brought on board to review these to study the crossings. Hawks will be between Garfield & Arthur, Roberts & Wilson, and Philadelphia & Bivins. Everything is set in motion to move forward. The plans are more than likely to be completed in two weeks. They will be installed in summer 2021.

D. Discussion on sidewalk development and connectivity

This item has been tabled for the November meeting.

E. Discussion on pedestrian and bicycle safety portion of Parks Master Plan.

Chairman Harney discussed with the committee about putting together a more cohesive form of recommendations to the Parks Board of creating a Master Plan. It consists of design standards for new neighborhoods, new roads being constructed and striping and bike trails. She stated she would like to recommend an overall enhancement of the existing network that is already there. She would like to form a sub-committee that will consist of three members to get started. The members would be Tim Ingalls, Angela Harney and Ed Commons. Michael Padilla would be happy with answering any questions that the sub-committee should have.

ITEM 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

- Update on 7th & 8th at Hodgetown
- Update on Bike Striping on 15th
- Update from Sub Committee
- Discussion on sidewalk development and connectivity
- Presentation on best practices for bike lane striping

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Harney adjourned the meeting at 12:22 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