

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On December 28, 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	32	20
Tim Ingalls	Yes	38	36
Ed Commons	No	34	33
Steve Rogers	No	28	22
Howard Smith	Yes	30	29
Angela Harney	No	17	16
Terri Guengerich	Yes	8	7
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	9	9

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

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee member Ingalls called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:04 a.m. Chairman Harney was in the hospital delivering her newborn baby.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Member Ingalls asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the November 30, 2020 minutes. He did have a recommended change on Item 3B: Update on Bike Striping on 15th Ave. He thinks that we missed an opportunity to create a true road diet on 15th Ave. That has been noted and the minutes have been updated. Committee Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with the updated change. Committee Member Guengerich seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

A. Update on Hike & Bike Master Plan from Sub-Committee

Committee Member Guengerich made a motion to table this item for a later meeting. Committee Member Ingalls seconded the motion and motion carried 4:0.

B. Update on Bike Striping on 15th Ave

Committee Member shared a 2018 Road Diet Workshop Notebook with the Committee. He thinks Amarillo would be a great candidate for this. He also noted that Tyler & Harrison could be a potential Road Diet. It would really change the street feel. This is Ingalls goal in presenting this to the Committee. Committee Member Smith asked if this was on the Agenda to which Ingalls replied, yes.

Ingalls went on to say that Road Diets can make the Roadway environment safer for all users. Studies indicate a 19% to 47% reduction in overall crashes when a road diet is installed. There are several examples in the handout. Ingalls noted that he is still trying to understand why we chose the more dangerous design for restriping the road on 15th. He considers it a dangerous design.

Donny will talk more with Dawood Alani, Traffic Engineer about this and get back to the committee. He went on to say that there needs to be more input from the entire committee on any safety concerns. Committee Member Guengerich doesn't know what has been done on 15th to compare to the opportunity that was missed. She has no comment on this right now. She went on to ask if this Committee sets out goals for the year as far as accomplishments, objectives etc. Committee member Smith commented that he lives near 15th. The bike lanes are done except for the logos. It looks like it's done.

Ingalls went on to say this is a learning opportunity for the committee. It was not at all what he anticipated what it was going to be as far as the design on 15th goes for a true road diet in the City.

Courtney White, Assistant City Attorney stated that Road Diets was not on the Agenda. It can be added to a future Agenda.

ITEM 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date.

- Discussion on sidewalk development and connectivity
- Update on Hike & Bike Master Plan from Sub-Committee
- Discussion on Road Diets

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on January 25, 2021.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Member Ingalls adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

ATTEST: 
[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary



[Angela Harney], Chairman