

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On June 13, 2022, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in Room 275 of the Simms Building for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Ingalls	No	45	43
Steve Rogers	Yes	37	31
Howard Smith	Yes	39	38
Terri Guengerich	Yes	15	14
Chris Podzemny	Yes	3	3
Melinda Landry	Yes	1	1
Steph Atkinson	Yes	1	1
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	17	17

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Public Works Director
Michael Padilla	Transportation Superintendent
Michelle Ramirez	Recording Secretary, Traffic Field Operations
Courtney White	Attorney II

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Rogers called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:02 a.m.

Chairman had the two newest members introduce themselves. Melinda Landry previously worked for the City of Amarillo for 5 years. She is a long-distance walker in half marathons and marathons and understands the importance of Advisory Boards so she would like to lend her walking expertise and wants chip in.

Steph Atkinson is a realtor and has been for 35 years. She loves to get to tell people all about Amarillo. She mountain bikes, road bikes, walks and runs all through the City of Amarillo.

Item 1: Public Forum.

No Public Forum.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Rogers asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the April 11, 2022, minutes. Committee Member Guengerich made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 6:0.

ITEM 3: The Committee will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:

A. Review and discuss Not Just Bike Videos

This will be tabled for the next meeting.

B. Update on Six Pack Outdoors in relation to Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety.

Committee Member Podzemny shared a handout with the Committee. Six Pack Outdoors has spent the last couple of months on the schoolyard pump track known as Tornado Alley. It's located on Eastern, South of 34th. They have collected 400 tires that have been dumped illegally from around the community to serve as a retaining wall for the pump track. Waiting on final approval from the State's Archeologist and City's Parks Department to continue development of the 9th Street Trails. It's made for any type of bicycle and fun for the family. It will be free and open for the public. There will a concession stand along with bathrooms. The pump track sits on 5 acres and is connected to the Rick Klein Trails. Amarillo has 50-60 miles of soft surface trails. Podzemny provided a page of grants for the committee to check out.

C. Presentation on process for acquiring right of way for future bike trails.

Donny stated that this would a process through our Engineering Dept. This would be a CIP item that would be added to a list of on-going projects. There are some easements Podzemny provided in the handout also. Some Transmission lines are 30 feet. Most maps of the easements are on the City's Website. There are very attractive areas in the Northwest side of Amarillo that should be looked at. Donny stated that the most restrictive are natural gas lines.

D. Discuss how to improve walkability in Amarillo.

Committee Member Guengerich discussed with the Committee on how to improve and would like to focus on the transportation and health. She would like to put together a walkability plan for Amarillo. The first thing she would like to do is conduct Audits which would be community based. There is a guidebook that AARP uses to help in this. Committee Member Landry will assist Guengerich and come back to the Committee.


Item 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date

- Consider and review not just bikes videos (Tim Ingalls)
- Update on how to improve Walkability in Amarillo
- Review and update Bike Master Plan
- Review and update Right of Way acquisition

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on August 8, 2022.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

ATTEST: 
[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary


[Steve Rogers], Chairman