

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On August 8, 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	38	32
Howard Smith	Yes	40	39
Terri Guengerich	Yes	16	15
Chris Podzemny	Yes	4	4
Melinda Landry	Yes	2	2
Steph Atkinson	Yes	2	2
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	Yes	18	18

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

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

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 11:07 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

Rusty Donaldson introduced himself to the Committee. He is very much interested in more walkability in Amarillo. There will a lot of work to do and he is glad to see something finally happening. He has some concern about the parking on the sidewalks.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Rogers asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the June 13, 2022, minutes. Committee Member Landry made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Guengerich seconded the motion, and motion carried 4:0.

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 a future meeting if needed.

B. Receive update on bike Master Plan

Donny presented a handout of the history of the Bike Master Plan to the Committee. It consists of the planning documents for the City of Amarillo. He let Committee know to take time to go over this. It includes a map with bike lanes and bike routes. Chris mentioned that there are three trail systems in town for a total of 30 of soft surface trails. In the handout, there is also information about Education and Advocacy. We can talk more about future items about Education and Advocacy. Public Works is heavily involved in the planning of the trail routes in coordination of the Parks Department. It has taken years for this Hike and Bike Master Plan to come forth and Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee should be proud of their contribution to it.

C. Presentation on process for Acquiring Right of Way for Future Bike Trails

Donny gave a brief overview of accruing right of way for future bike trails. There must be a plan in place. He would like the Committee to bring ideas to the table and lay some maps out and discuss it. Podzemny asked about grants. Donny will investigate that.

D. Presentation on how to improve walkability in Amarillo

Committee Members Terri and Melinda met with Donny earlier in the week about this. One of the problems is, there are many areas in Amarillo that are not accessible for pedestrians. There is a culture that does not exist. Terri would like to raise awareness of the health, wellness, and safety benefits of walking. Terri and Melinda would like to focus on Schools and the elderly such as nursing homes and assisted facilities. Terri pointed out that AARP has great walk audit tool. Committee Member Podzemny suggested looking at Parks in Amarillo too. Chairman Rogers would like for Terri and Melinda to come up with some first step goals for data gathering to meet in a couple of months.

Item 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date

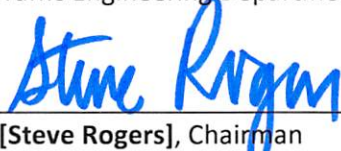
- Bike Safety Education
- Right of Way Availability (Chris Podzemny)
- Update on gathering data on Additional Walkability in Amarillo (Terri & Melinda)

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on October 18, 2022.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 12:07 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