

## MINUTES

On February 13, 2017, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall, 509 S.E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 306, for a Regular Meeting.

### ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mark Nair	Yes	3	2
Joe Chris Rodriguez	No	3	2
Tim Ingalls	Yes	3	2
David Szmagalski	Yes	3	3
Austin Collins	Yes	3	3
Stephen Hayward	Yes	2	2
Ed Commons	Yes	2	2

Also in attendance were:

Michael Padilla	Traffic Field Superintendent
Paul Harpole	Mayor, City of Amarillo
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, Traffic Engineering

**ITEM 1:** Call to Order. Committee Chairman Tim Ingalls established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2:** Review of Notes/Minutes from Last Meeting.

Mark Nair, Amarillo City Council Member, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016, and the December 12, 2016, meetings. Committee Member Ed Commons seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3:** Discussion of Plan of Work

Members discussed how to make intersections safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Regulations for minimum passing distance for motorists passing bicycles and for motorists yielding to pedestrians/bicyclists when making right-hand turns were discussed. Members agreed to focus on high risk intersections or intersections with a pedestrian accident history, such as Coulter Road south of S.W. 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue near McDonald Lake and John Stiff Park. They discussed what improvements could be made and how to fund the improvements. To minimize pedestrian risk, coordination of pedestrian walk signals and left-turn green arrows were discussed. Cost sharing with the Texas Department of Public Safety was discussed.

Mark Nair suggested research on other city and state laws pertaining to a safe passing distance of bicycles would be helpful.

Members requested a list of the overlay projects scheduled in the coming year. Discussion was held on the coordination of any proposed traffic modifications with the new overlay projects. The use of thermoplastic street markings versus paint striping was discussed. Thermoplastic is more expensive, but the service life is much greater.

Michael Padilla, Traffic Field Supervisor, reported that plans are underway to hire a consultant engineering firm to handle traffic engineering issues for the city.

A handout from Texas Department of Transportation about an upcoming Traffic Safety Coalition was distributed to members. The first meeting will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation, 5415 Canyon Drive. The purpose is to look at crash data to help determine events or behaviors that factor into crashes and come up with strategies to change the trends and increase safety. Distracted driving, impaired driving, kids not properly restrained in car seats, senior citizen driving issues, pedestrian crosswalk safety, and bicycle safety are some of the issues that will be discussed. An open invitation to attend was extended to interested parties.


ITEM 4: Discussion – Future Agenda Items.

Chairman Ingalls stated suggestions for future agenda items should be e-mailed to Judy Alexander in the Traffic Engineering Department by March 3.

ITEM 5: Announcement – Next Meeting Date.

Members agreed that the next scheduled meeting would be at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2017.

ITEM 6: Adjournment. There being no further business, Committee Member Commons moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Collins, and the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

  
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ATTEST:   
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[Name], Board Secretary