



SUMMARY MINUTES

Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
January 10, 2018 6:30 pm

Board Members Present

Michael Kroll, Vice Chair – League of Cities
Steve Lim – Dist. 1
Jerry Layne – Dist. 3
Art Seitz – Dist. 4

Board Members Absent

Heidi Siegel, Chair – Dist. 6
Howard Kaplan – Dist. 7

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, AICP – Senior Planner

Attendees

Karen Warfel – City of Fort Lauderdale
Hugh Chakler – South Broward Wheelers
Steve Cook – Croissant Park
Alex Barr - FDOT
Hughes Charles - FDOT

I. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair introduced himself and called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Sofoul. There was a quorum to proceed with the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2017

Motion: Mr. Layne moved to approve minutes that was seconded by Mr. Lim. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Comments from Chair

No comments from the Chair.

V. New Business

Presentation: Las Olas Blvd Project, City of Fort Lauderdale

Karen Warfel introduced herself and provided background on multiple projects in planning for Las Olas Blvd. The focus of this presentation was for the portion of Las Olas Blvd., from Andrews Avenue to the Himmarshee Canal. The City desires Las Olas Blvd. to be more pedestrian friendly and accommodating to non-motorized modes while balancing needs of local business owners. The City and FDOT are currently focused on soliciting public comments and feedback to identify essential elements for the design. The initial concept, supported by local business leaders and the City Council, for the portion of Las Olas Blvd east of US 1 and west of the Himmarshee Canal includes: eliminating the median and landscaping to accommodate a wider landscaped pedestrian area; two (2) lanes of permanent parallel parking; two (2) through lanes; sharrow marking for bicyclists.

The Committee voiced concerns on the conceptual design and stressed the need for dedicated a bicycle facility. Items for consideration in a formal letter from BPAC were discussed.

MOTION: Mr. Layne moved for staff to draft a letter that addresses the Committee's concerns with the Las Olas Blvd. concept supported by the City of Fort Lauderdale including: the lack of uninhibited dedicated bicycle lanes, studies related to Las Olas as a critical evacuation route for the beach residents, and ensuring that wider sidewalks created from the removal of the median is reserved exclusively for pedestrian use. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seitz and unanimously approved.

Election: Calendar Year 2018 BPAC Chair and Vice Chair

BPAC annual elections were held as required by County Administrative Code.

MOTION: Heidi Siegel was nominated to continue as BPAC Chair by Mr. Layne, seconded by Mr. Lim. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Vice Chair Michael Kroll was nominated to continue as BPAC Vice Chair by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Layne. The motion passed unanimously.

March 2018 Florida Bicycle Month Proclamation

Mr. Sofoul explained that BPAC support is needed for the annual Bicycle Month Proclamation (March). Due to the large number of proclamations scheduled, it was requested that a press release will announce the proclamation in lieu of a formal proclamation ceremony. Mr. Seitz asked for AIA Greenway to be mentioned in the text of the Bicycle Month Proclamation.

MOTION: Mr. Layne moved to direct staff to proceed with drafting the proclamation in recognition of Florida Bicycle Month and to include statements specific to greenways projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seitz. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. Agency Updates

Mr. Barr, representing FDOT, announced that the new FDOT Design Manual and Context Classification Handbook and now in effect. Additionally, FDOT is working extensively with Broward County and municipalities on various complete streets projects as part of the Complete Streets and other Local Initiatives Program (CSLIP).

Mr. Barr also discussed the I-95 Broward Blvd. PD&E that has proposed dedicated bicycle lanes in the redesign of the Broward bridge over Interstate 95. Mr. Sofoul commented that highly visible markings should be considered for bicycle lanes in conflict zones such as near slip ramps, dedicated right hand turn lanes, acceleration lanes and deceleration lanes.

VIII. Staff Report

Planning and Development Management Division is awaiting feedback from Office of Public Communications on BPAC logo.

IX. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Seitz commented that the BPAC should go on the record in opposition to the Wave Streetcar project. Mr. Sofoul reminded the Committee that the Wave Project Manager has committed make a presentation for BPAC to address bicycle and pedestrian integration with the Streetcar at a future meeting.

X. Public Comment

Mr. Chakler commented that the City of Fort Lauderdale should consider dedicated bicycle lanes along parallel bicycle routes to Las Olas Blvd.

XI. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Layne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lim.

The January 10, 2018, BPAC meeting concluded at 8:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on February 14, 2018, at Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 329F.

BPAC Priorities: Encourage projects and enforcement efforts that prioritize pedestrian and bicycle safety. • Support timely and sustainable funding of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and amenities, including greenways and off-network paths. • Collaborate with public and private entities including, Broward MPO, FDOT, Broward County, and Broward municipalities to ensure Bicycle and Pedestrian projects, policy, and ordinances are implemented. • Promote bicycle and pedestrian focused outreach and events, especially those that underscore safety, funding, and education. • Endorse linkages for safe, comfortable, and convenient bicycle and pedestrian networks to seamlessly integrate with other transportation options.

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