

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
March 14, 2018 6:30 pm

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair – Dist. 6
Michael Kroll, Vice Chair – League of Cities
Art Seitz – Dist. 4
Howard Kaplan – Dist. 7
Hugh Chakler – Dist. 8

Board Members Absent

Jerry Layne – Dist. 3
Steve Lim – Dist. 1

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, AICP – Senior Planner

Attendees

Lisa Juan –FDOT
Sean Collins – Resident
Mirsa Alemany – Resident

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Sofoul. There was a quorum.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2017

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

IV. Comments from Chair

The Chair welcomed Mr. Chakler to BPAC and asked him to provide a brief introduction.

V. New Business

Presentation: AvMed Rides Powered by Broward B-Cycle Update

Jeff Torkelson introduced himself and provided background on Broward B-Cycle. He discussed the history of B-Cycle partnership in Broward County and provided statistics on the accomplishments of the program since the inception of the program in 2011. Ridership is highest in the peak tourist season from November through April and one third (1/3) of riders have B-Cycle memberships. Mr. Torkelson explained that B-Cycle is a business and locations must be sited carefully to have adequate ridership. The criteria for station location is based on available right-of-way, density, people, and a safe place to ride. B-Cycle currently has a mobile application that can be used to rent bicycles; however, the system relies on bicycle docks. Moving forward, B-Cycle is working on solutions to pilot dockless technologies.

Presentation: #BrowardNext 2.0 Transportation Element

Mr. Sofoul started his presentation with a short video to induce BPAC to the #BrowardNext initiative. His presentation specifically focused on the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Areas of emphasis include complete streets, greenways, equity, sustainability, emerging technologies, and regional coordination. BPAC Members were encouraged to submit comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan online.

VI. Old Business

City of Fort Lauderdale Letter on Las Olas Blvd Project

Mr. Sofoul distributed a draft letter as a result from action taken at the last BPAC meeting. The Committee made several suggestions to improve the letter. Mr. Sofoul will make the recommended change prior to sending to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

VII. Agency Updates

Ms. Juan, representing FDOT, stated that she would take committee concerns on bike lanes/road maintenance to appropriate staff within the agency.

VIII. Staff Report

The March Bicycle Month Proclamation was signed by Mayor Furr and announced via press release from Broward County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Sofoul encouraged BPAC members to attend Bicycle Month events. Information for the April 7, 2018 – Let's Go Biking event was distributed as well as the new Bike Map.

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

IX. Committee Member Updates

Mr. Chakler inquired about maintenance of bicycle lanes. He noted that large debris, such as sticks, glass, rocks, and other objects can pose a safety hazard to bicyclists. Mr. Sofoul responded that he could follow-up with Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division for County roadways; however, if there are concerns on State (FDOT) or municipal roadways that Committee members would need to contact those agencies directly.

Mr. Kroll noted similar conditions along the New River Greenway and asked that the intersection near Flamingo Road be addressed.

Mr. Seitz wanted to know how BPAC could get stakeholders (Broward County, MPO, FDOT, Municipalities) together on the AIA greenway. Mr. Sofoul recommended that he reach out to the Broward MPO. Mr. Seitz also advised that he has a meeting schedule with Broward MPO to discuss.

X. Public Comment

Ms. Alemany stated a concern regarding lack of education of law enforcement on bicycle regulations. She inquired how BPAC could assist her with tickets issued by municipal police departments. Mr. Sofoul advised that she needs to contact municipal officials directly to file complaints.

XI. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Kroll motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Seitz.

The March 14, 2018, BPAC meeting concluded at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on April 11, 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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