

# SUMMARY MINUTES



**Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**  
**Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F**  
**115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**  
**March 13, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

## Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair – District 6  
Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3 (phone)  
Steve Lim – Dist. 1

Hugh Chakler – District 8  
Phillip Kim – District 9  
Fern Goodhart – District 4

## Board Members Absent

Michael Kroll – League of Cities

## County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator

Adriana Toro, Highway and Bridge

## Attendees

Larry Wallace, FDOT  
Mauricio Hernandez, City of Fort Lauderdale

Howard Kaplan, Resident

## I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

## II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with six (6) members present. *Note: Member Layne was present by phone.*

## III. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2019

Mr. Sofoul mentioned a few scrivener's errors to be corrected, listed below.

**Motion:** Member Chakler moved to approve the minutes, as amended, seconded by Member Layne. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Misspelling of Siegel in sections IV and V.
- Page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence – adding the word “needs” after “...that the committee...”

## IV. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel asked BPAC members to provide introductions for the newly appointed members, Phillip Kim and Fern Goodhart. Mr. Sofoul provided an overview of the role of BPAC.

## V. New Business

### Maintenance of County Jurisdictional Roadways

Mr. Sofoul introduced Adriana Toro with Broward County Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division (HBMD). Ms. Toro explained the delineation of responsibilities between Divisions within the Public Works regarding maintenance of County infrastructure. Following an overview, she explained the role of HBMD including maintenance frequency for road sweeping, pothole repair, and greenway mowing. HBMD has programs to promote and expand bike/ped options through investments in bike lanes, sidewalks, and greenways. A phone number (954.357.6040) and email address (Streets@broward.org) were provided for issues with County roadways.

## **FDOT D4 Design Guidelines for Pedestrian and Bicycle Treatments at Interchanges**

Larry Wallace from FDOT District 4 shared revised guidelines that provide pedestrian and bicycle treatments at major interchanges. He advised that the typical design guidelines are still being discussed at FDOT Central Office and that additional revisions are possible. Most of the new guidance provide for additional emphasis (green pavement markings) along conflict points between motorist and bicyclists. Mr. Chakler expressed a concern at the westbound Miramar Parkway at I-75. Mr. Wallace will follow-up.

## **Introduction to Fort Lauderdale “LauderTrail”**

Mr. Hernandez from the City of Fort Lauderdale provided an overview of the LauderTrail initiative. He explained that a working group has been established with the goal of proposing a minimum 7-mile alignment(s) for a trail in Fort Lauderdale. The type of trail facility has not yet been identified but the trail will connect to major destinations. Case studies from trails across the nation are being examined in the development of alternatives. Mr. Hernandez will keep BPAC informed as the project moves further along the planning process.

## **VI. Old Business**

No old business.

## **VII. Agency Updates**

Mr. Wallace from FDOT discussed pending updates to the Schedule Report and opportunities for BPAC to comment on projects two (2) years prior to design. Once the report is prepared Larry will provide a more detailed discussion to BPAC.

## **VIII. Staff Report**

Mr. Sofoul reminded the BPAC that March is Florida Bicycle Month and provided a list of Bike Month activities from Parks and Recreation Division. He also encouraged BPAC members to take photos for inclusion in the Annual Report to the Board County Commissioners.

## **IX. Committee Member Updates**

Ms. Goodhart suggested that data should be collected to understand the potential revenue loss for waiving park fees for bicyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Chakler suggested that Parks and Recreation should consider waiving admission during March Bike Month.

**MOTION:** BPAC to request the County Commission to consider waiving park fees for cyclists and pedestrians in March 2020 in recognition and celebration of Bicycle Month and report to BPAC on revenue impacts.

The motion was made by Member Goodhart and seconded by Member Chakler. The motion passed unanimously. *Note: Mr. Sofoul was advised by the County Attorney’s Office that a motion cannot be made unless it is included in the new or old business portion of the agenda. This item will be placed on the May 2019 agenda and subject to a new vote of the BPAC membership.*

Ms. Goodhart recommended a couple topics for future discussion including:

- Bike/Ped Issues related to Autonomous Vehicles and Micromobility;
- County Transportation Surtax Projects; and
- Safety and Commission response to recent fatalities.

Mr. Chakler provided several updates and inquiries:

- Recap of the most recent Broward County Staff Complete Streets Team meeting.
- Reminded Mr. Hernandez to provide an update his inquiry regarding SW 9th Ave.
- Requested additional information on Broward MPO walking audits and the results.
- Asked for an update on the County SUNTrail Application for Hiatus at the New River Greenway. Mr. Sofoul will provide at the next meeting.
- New River Greenway signage. Ms. Toro explained that money will be allocated in a future budget to include signage. Ms. Goodhart commented that better wayfinding is needed.
- Asked for law enforcement presentation regarding recent deaths. Mr. Sofoul recommended Florida Bicycle Association presentation before reaching out to law enforcement.

Chair Siegel requested that Flamingo Road Greenway be presented to BPAC as it moves into the design process. Mr. Sofoul will provide an update to BPAC following outreach to Century Village and other stakeholders. Chair Sigel also asked to see if additional measures could be taken to consider bicycle and pedestrian impacts in Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). Mr. Wallace responded that he would follow up with FDOT and Mr. Sofoul will follow-up with Complete Streets Team.

## **X. Public Comment**

No Public Comments.

## **XI. Adjourn**

The March 13, 2019 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on May 8, 2019, at Broward County Governmental Center.

**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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