

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
May 8, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Hugh Chakler – District 8
Fern Goodhart – District 4

Board Members Absent

Phillip Kim – District 9

Heidi Siegel, Chair – District 6

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator

Attendees

Larry Wallace, FDOT
Steve Cook, City of Fort Lauderdale Resident

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 four (4) members present and one (1) via phone.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2019

Members requested the following edits:

- Add contact information for Broward County Highways and Bridge Maintenance so public can contact to report a hazardous road condition.
- Page 2, paragraph 9 – add the word *to* after "...suggests that data be collected..."
- Page 3, 3rd bullet point – add the word *and* after "...Broward MPO walking audits..."

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

IV. Comments from Chair

Vice Chair Layne asked that all comments be held until the end.

V. New Business

Support waived Broward County Parks and Recreation admission for bicyclists and pedestrians during Florida Bicycle Month 2020

At the last board meeting, a motion was approved to recommend that Broward County waive fees for bicyclists and pedestrians at Broward County Parks during Bicycle Month 2020. Mr. Sofoul communicated with the County Attorney and was advised that motion did not follow proper procedure. All BPAC motions must be advertised on the agenda in order to allow for public comment. Mr. Sofoul added the item to the agenda so the Committee could vote on the

motion again.

MOTION: Member Goodhart moved to recommend that Broward County waive entrance fees at Broward County Parks for bicyclists and pedestrian during March 2020 in recognition of Florida Bicycle Month. The impact to Parks revenues should be analyzed and the results be reported to BPAC. Member Chakler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation: Advisory Board Member Role and Responsibilities

This presentation was post-posed until a later date.

Workshop Session: BPAC Goals and Priorities

Mr. Sofoul explained that every two (2) years a workshop session is held for BPAC to review its goals and priorities. All suggested changes will be presented at a subsequent meeting subject to reviewed and a full vote. Members were encouraged to speak freely during the workshop session.

BPAC Priorities

- Member Goodhart suggested that mention of the Transportation Surtax funds be added to the priorities. Additionally she suggested making accessibility and/or equity part of priorities.

BPAC Goals

- Member Chakler suggested that the short-term goal on the BPAC logo be removed.
- Member Chakler suggested changes to the short-term goal on social media, website, and online resources. Mr. Sofoul suggested modifying the goal to focus on increasing resources and links on BPAC's website.
- Member Kroll suggested the short-term goal on adoption of a legislative agenda specify that such action of the Committee occurs on an annual basis.
- Member Goodhart suggested modify the short-term goal on advising the Board.
- Mr. Sofoul suggested removing the long-term goal on BPAC members conducting outreach on bicycle safety to external organizations.
- Member Goodhart suggested adding a long-term goal regarding collaborating with County departments in educating private and public businesses for bicycle/pedestrian safety. Mr. Sofoul suggested that this may be a more appropriate goal for the MPO to pursue through the Bike/Ped Safety Action Plan.
- Member Kroll suggested removing the word "signage" after wayfinding.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. Agency Updates

Mr. Wallace from FDOT suggested adding short-term goals regarding reporting roadway maintenance issues and receiving/reviewing walking audit reports. For long-term goals, add language regarding encouraging innovative projects to reduce bike/pedestrian issues. Members requested a future presentation on the role of the Broward County Internal Staff Complete Streets Team and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wallace also suggested a long-term goal regarding listing potential locations for separate bike facilities. Mr. Sofoul mentioned that these would be more suitable for the MPO and other advisory committees.

VIII. Staff Report

- The County has approved initial expenditure of funds from the Transportation Surtax and activities have begun to “stand up” the program. Mr. Sofoul will follow up with a presentation when information is available on the first two (2) years of projects.
- FDOT has reported that our SunTrail application was denied at the District due to feasibility concerns. More information will follow at a future meeting.
- Mr. Sofoul is communicating with the Florida Bicycle Association for a date to present at a future Committee meeting.
- A bill regarding texting while driving as a primary offense passed in the Florida legislature as primary offenses. Also, legislation on micro-mobility devices passed, the bill does not pre-empt local governments’ authority to regulate.

IX. Committee Member Updates

- Member Chakler reported on the May 1, 2019 Complete Streets Team meeting. He reported that the BPAC’s recommendation to consider more signage for bicyclists in approval of MOTs was well received. The County pledged to include these considerations.
- Member Chakler also reported that a construction area near N. University Blvd and McNab road has resulted in a closed bike lane. Mr. Wallace responded that he reported the concern to FDOT MOT staff and they installed the sign at that project site. Additionally, there is a safety issue with the intersection of Miramar Pkwy and I-75. Mr. Wallace responded that FDOT staff are compiling a list of roadways where bike lanes are non-existing or in need of improvement. However, there is no funding to re-install at this intersection.
- Member Chakler requested updates on previously discussed issues. In response, Mr. Sofoul mentioned that a formal written report from the last walking audits have not been distributed. However, some projects have been prioritized as a result of the findings. He also explained that the Broward MPO is seeking to create a bicycle lane on Dixie Highway from Dania Beach to the south County Line, but in order to do so, a traffic lane must be eliminated. A discussion is ongoing about the impact of the lane elimination, which according to County policy, cannot be more than 3%. More information will be provided when available. There is funding allocated to improve signage on the New River Greenway at State Road 84, but work hasn’t yet started. Discussion is ongoing regarding solutions for buses stopping in bike lanes and the bike lane around the airport.
- Member Lim reported improvements on University Drive due to installation of LED streetlights.
- Member Goodhart reported that House bill regarding vulnerable road users and criminal penalties for moving violations resulting in serious injury or death has died in committee.
- Member Lim reminded board members to inform Mr. Sofoul if their County ID has expired.

X. Public Comment

Mr. Cook commented that the County should include a bike lane along the new proposed Port bypass road.

XI. Adjourn

The May 8, 2019 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on July 10, 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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