

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
January, 8, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair– District 6
Michael Kroll – League of Cities
Fern Goodhart – District 4

Jerry Layne, Vice Chair – District 3
Hugh Chakler – District 8 (via phone)
Phillip Kim – District 9

Board Members Absent

Steve Lim – Dist. I

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator

Attendees

Larry Wallace, FDOT

Howard Kaplan, Resident

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with six members present, including Member Chakler via phone.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019

Motion: Member Chaker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Layne. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel commented on the success of the “Festival of Lights Bike Night” at Broward County Tradewinds Park. She commented that the event could be a great opportunity for BPAC involvement next year.

New Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Siegel was the only nominee for BPAC Chair and was confirmed by acclamation.

Vice Chair Layne was the only nominee for BPAC Vice Chair and was confirmed by acclamation.

Bicycle Month Proclamation

Mr. Sofoul reminded the Committee that due to warmer weather in May, Florida celebrates “Florida Bicycle Month” in the month of March. As in past years, BPAC can seek Mayoral sponsorship of a proclamation in re-ignition of Bicycle Month to raise awareness of County events for Bike Month. Mr. Sofoul presented the 2019 version of the proclamation and sought input on the need for refinement. Chair Siegel recommended adding language that makes the connection between public transit and bicycling as a first and last mile connection. Mr. Sofoul also asked the committee if they would like to see a public proclamation ceremony at a Board of County Commissioners Meeting. The Mayor would decide which date is best; however, Mr. Sofoul recommended that BPAC target the last meeting in February or first meeting in March to coincide with the beginning of Bike Month.

Motion: The motion was made to direct staff to seek Mayoral support for a proclamation and ceremony in recognition of Florida Bicycle Month. The motion passed unanimously.

Mobility Planning and Innovation

Mr. Sofoul presented an overview of Mobility Planning and Innovation initiatives funded by the Transportation Surtax including, acquisition of multimodal origin-destination data, implementation of the Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Model (SERPM), Greenways Master Plan Update, university partnerships, and collaboration with Waze.

CY2020 Potential Guest Speakers and Priorities

Mr. Sofoul asked the Committee if there were any guest speakers the Committee would like to hear from in the 2020 calendar year. The recommendation was made to reach out to the Florida Bicycle Association to provide an update on legislative priorities. The issue of park entry fees was also raised. Mr. Sofoul advised that the Parks Advisory Board would be a more appropriate Board to raise the issue. Mr. Sofoul reminded BPAC Members that they are welcome to attend other County advisory boards and make comments as members of the public.

V. Old Business

No old business.

VI. Agency Updates

Mr. Wallace shared a list of FDOT projects. Mr. Sofoul will distribute to all BPAC members. BPAC members can request additional information for projects on the list for discussion at a future meeting. Questions can be funneled through Mr. Sofoul. He will let FDOT know to prepare an update for discussion.

VII. Staff Report

Mr. Sofoul reported that a letter addressing the BPAC’s recommendation to prioritize bicycle lanes to create north-south connectivity east of the FLL south runway was sent to Gretchen Cassini, Surtax Administrations with Public Works Department staff copied. An update will be provided at the next meeting on an action resulting from the letter. Mr. Sofoul also stressed the importance of solid participation in the public ceremony or the Bike Month Proclamation. In response to Member Goodhart’s question on park fees, Mr. Sofoul reported that Parks and

Recreation does not discern fees from cars versus bikes so it would be challenging to determine budgetary impact of waiving fees for these park users.

VIII. Committee Member Updates

No committee member updates.

IX. Public Comment

No public comments.

X. Adjourn

Motion: Member Layne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Kroll, unanimously approved.

The January 8, 2020 BPAC meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on March 11, 2020 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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