

SUMMARY MINUTES - ADOPTED



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Broward County Government Center, in person
1 University Drive, 2nd FL Hearing Room, Plantation, FL 33324
January 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Michael Kroll – League of Cities (Chair)
Steve Lim – District 1
Fern Goodhart – District 4

Janet Arango – District 6
Maximiliano Goldstein – District 5

Board Members Absent

Charmie Pujalt – District 7

Phillip Kim – District 9

County Staff

Sara Forelle, Senior Planner, Urban Planning
Tonya Fletcher, Urban Planning

Jennifer Brown, County Attorney's Office

Attendees

Michael Melendez, FDOT District 4

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by staff. A quorum was present.

III. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Self-introductions were made by Michael Melendez, FDOT District 4; Tonya Fletcher a facilitator with the Urban Planning Division; and Janet Arango, a new BPAC member. Jennifer Brown from the County Attorney's Office joined later in the evening.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2022

Chair Kroll asked for comments on the minutes. Member Goodhart requested that a clarification be added to the minutes regarding the distribution of handlebar bells at a farmers market in Delaware. Upon a motion by Member Goldstein, seconded by Member Lim, the December 14, 2022 minutes were passed by a unanimous vote.

V. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACTION ITEM – MOTION TO NOMINATE AND ELECT BPAC OFFICERS. Upon a motion to by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Goldstein, and unanimously approved, Member Kroll was elected Chair. Upon a motion by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Kroll, and unanimously approved, Member Goldstein was elected Vice Chair. Upon a motion by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Lim, and unanimously approved, Member Arango was elected Secretary.

2. ACTION ITEM – GOALS WORKSHOP. This item was tabled until the end of the agenda.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Member Goodhart requested the status of the Proclamation being sought from the County Commission. Ms. Forelle noted the Proclamation has been submitted, but it has not been determined whether it will be read on the date requested. Ms. Forelle advised that a confirmation is expected closer to the February 21 hearing date requested. Ms. Forelle explained that the number of proclamations read at a hearing have been significantly reduced and that there may be other competing requests.

VIII. AGENCY UPDATES

Michael Melendez, FDOT representative for District 4, shared information about the Safe Streets Summit in early February. The District placed non-motorized vehicle counters on different greenways. The statistics are available and will be used to evaluate project performance and guide future investments. The counters consist of double strips across trails being evaluated. One is installed on the El Rio trail in Boca Raton. A sign on the side of the pathway shows the number of bicycles that passed that day and the yearly total to date. Overhead sensors and cameras distinguish bicyclists from other users. Member Goodhart mentioned that the sensor on the C&O Trail in Bethesda is on a column that rises, motivating users. Mr. Melendez said that this one does not have the feature. He mentioned there is one on the greenway in Markham Park.

Mr. Melendez stated that bicyclists have provided feedback that the green markings feel bumpy, particularly when riding a bicycle with narrower wheels. However, the District only uses the markings at turn conflict locations to increase safety and awareness of the transition zone on right turns.

IX. STAFF REPORT

No additional items to report.

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Member Goldstein reminded the group that they had elected for him to attend Broward County Complete Streets Team meetings and report back to the BPAC. He spoke about a meeting that was dedicated to Center Lane Overpasses, which essentially is elevating the left turn lanes at the intersection and creating a second intersection above grade. The Center Lane Overpass eliminates most at-grade, left turns and eliminates a light phase. The Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan includes six large intersections, including two on Pines Boulevard, one on Atlantic Boulevard and one on Oakland Park Boulevard. It appears these intersections do not prioritize the pedestrian and bicyclist. He also mentioned Complete Streets Team discussions about the Low Stress Multimodal plan and development of

a Steering Committee with agency representation. It will include Ms. Forelle and Josette Severyn. The BPAC will be included in the outreach and feedback loop for the project. Ms. Forelle will make sure the BPAC is included as early as possible.

Member Goldstein mentioned the Turnpike Enterprise project to replace interchanges on the Sawgrass Expressway. Ms. Forelle clarified that certain interchanges will accommodate bicycles in the underpasses, but not all. Ms. Forelle mentioned that some public meetings on the project will be held soon. More information may be found on the FDOT website, specifically for Turnpike Enterprise projects.

Member Goldstein noted the Dixie Highway Corridor project in Hollywood and Hallandale is currently being discussed, but that there were no details at this meeting.

Member Goodhart asked whether there was any information about a project in Plantation where they want to put a bridge across SR 84. Ms. Forelle said that she was aware that they are trying to get on a list for funding, but that no public meetings appear to have been scheduled, yet. Ms. Goodhart is concerned with design flaws.

Member Arango shared concerns with construction projects along SR 84 near Markham Park. The construction debris and the “step” generated by the new pavement has caused bicyclists to fall over. The lighting is not sufficient. She asked how long it would take to complete the project. Ms. Forelle explained that this is a resurfacing project where they have already completed the milling and initiated the paving, which is done in phases. This is followed by restriping. The project includes widening the shoulder to accommodate some bicycle traffic. Mr. Melendez was unaware of the project schedule and said that they can vary. Ms. Goodhart expressed concerns about the lack of maintenance during construction and the danger this poses to cyclists. Construction debris sweeping should be included in the contract to ensure that a path is clear for cyclists. Mr. Melendez offered to contact the project manager to bring attention to the issue. He requested that any photos available be forwarded to assist with describing the issues. Member Arango mentioned that they have made a video to share with her cycling community.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - No members from the public were present.

XII. GOAL WORKSHOP

The group moved to a different side of the room that had been set up for the workshop.

Ms. Forelle and Ms. Fletcher facilitated the development and prioritization of the BPAC goals. Prior to this meeting, Ms. Forelle had asked the BPAC members to develop and forward 3-5 goals based on the materials distributed, which included the BPAC purpose, previously adopted goals and priorities, and the accomplishments of previous years. Ms. Forelle shared the following objectives for the meeting:

- **Purpose:** Revisit and update the BPAC goals
- **Product:** By the end of this meeting, develop a new set of goals that will be used to guide BPAC activities and post the goals on the website and bottom of the Agendas.
- **Process:** Develop 3-5 goals can be realistically accomplished. Identify champions who will lead the BPAC in implementing the goals, including reaching out to potential partners.

Ms. Fletcher outlined the process to review and prioritize the goals submitted:

- Review Goals submitted by members,
- Identify if they align with the Purpose,

- Identify overlaps,
- Identify additions,
- Use Impact Grid to begin prioritizing – Effort vs. Impact
- Introduce the where additional recommendations will be placed for future consideration:
 - A. “Bike Rack” Priority Goals
 - B. “Bike Locker” for ideas/questions that don’t make the priority list and may require further research, and
 - C. “Bike Path” – What the group is going to tackle first.

At the end of the workshop, Ms. Forelle explained that the facilitators would be re-typing the BPAC goals to include the new ones and distributing them to the BPAC members. The goals will be grouped by the impact grid quadrants:

- (A) High Impact - Low Effort (Easy)
- (B) High Impact - High Effort (Difficult)
- (C) Low Impact - Low Effort (Easy)
- (D) Low Impact - High Effort (Difficult).

The BPAC members identified and categorized 25 goals that they want to accomplish in the coming years. The BPAC will select up to three (3) goals to convert into SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely/Time Bound). These will be shared at the March 8, 2023 meeting for further consideration.

Ms. Forelle and Ms. Fletcher thanked the BPAC for their efforts. The draft goals will be refined over the course of the next few meetings. The timing and deadlines for a final list of goals was discussed. The BPAC members agreed to do the homework needed to complete the goals before the summer.

XIII. ADJOURN

Following a motion to adjourn made by Member Goodhart, seconded by Member Goldstein, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Transcript of meeting or recording available upon request. Contact Sara Forelle, Senior Planner, for additional information. Email: sforelle@broward.org or Phone: (954) 357-9785