

SUMMARY MINUTES



Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 329F
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
January 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Heidi Siegel, Chair – District 6
Michael Kroll – League of Cities
Howard Kaplan – District 7
Art Seitz – District 4

Hugh Chakler – District 8
Jerry Layne – District 3
Phillip Kim – District 9

Board Members Absent

Steve Lim – Dist. 1

County Staff

Nicholas Sofoul, Staff Coordinator

Attendees

Fern Goodhart, City of Sunrise Resident
Larry Wallace, FDOT

Mauricio Hernandez, City of Ft Lauderdale

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Nicholas Sofoul. Quorum was met with six (6) members present. *Note: Mr. Seitz arrived at the meeting after roll call.*

III. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2018

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

- Item III – Change date of meeting minutes to November 14, 2018.
- Page 3, Line 2 – Change "...60% margin" to "...60% approval."

IV. Comments from Chair

Chair Siegel showed a video about the City of Pontevedra, Spain that showed the impact of shifting from auto-focused policies to bike, pedestrian, and transit focus.

V. New Business

Election: Calendar Year 2019 BPAC Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Sofoul provided information to the Board on the responsibilities for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. He reminded members that all leadership terms are for the calendar year.

Chair Siegel was nominated for Chair by Member Kroll. Member Layne was nominated for Chair by Member Chakler. Heidi Siegel was reelected to Chair with a vote of 5 to 1.

Member Layne was nominated for Vice Chair by Chair Siegel. Member Layne was elected to Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

March 2019 Bicycle Month

Mr. Sofoul provided a draft of the proclamation for BPAC members to review. Mr. Sofoul explained that the Committee to decide whether to pursue a formal presentation in front of the Board of County Commissioners. Presentations are not guaranteed; however, if granted a quorum of the BPAC should be available to accept the Proclamation. Members were supportive of Proclamation Ceremony at the March 5th County Commission meeting. Chair Siegel asked Mr. Sofoul to reach out to our bicycle month partners to join BPAC during to presentation.

Motion: BPAC Support for Bicycle Month Proclamation was made by Michael Kroll and seconded by Hugh Chalker. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sofoul updated BPAC on known events currently scheduled for March Bicycle Month then turned the discussion over to Mr. Mauricio Hernandez from the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Hernandez announced that the City will have its first *Bike to Work Day* event. The event will consist of a series of pitstops throughout the City. The City is looking for partners to sponsor pitstops that will have water, snacks, and giveaways. BPAC members were interested in the event and offered suggestions and recommendation to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

BPAC Bylaws

Mr. Sofoul explained that formally adopted Bylaws are needed for BPAC to come into compliance with other advisory boards. A workshop session will be held at a meeting over the summer to complete a draft. Bylaws are an opportunity to draft rules and procedures specific to BPAC.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. Agency Updates

Mr. Wallace, representing FDOT, updated BPAC on the Bicycle Connectivity/Mobility Study for the area between Griffin Rd and SR 84. He explained that the study is currently being reviewed by FDOT's freight and logistics group. Mr. Sofoul added that since the roads are primarily Broward County jurisdictional roadways, FDOT should consider meeting with the County Complete Streets Team if there are any concerns with the alignment. Mr. Wallace also mentioned that he is working on a revised spreadsheet to share pending projects with the BPAC.

Mr. Hernandez, representing the City of Fort Lauderdale, reported that the City will be having a meeting to discuss dockless mobility. Additionally, the Fort Lauderdale Transportation Summit will be held on May 17, 2019.

VIII. Staff Report

Mr. Sofoul provided a staff report:

- Please monitor absences and review attendance sheets.
- Check email for Bicycle Month Coordination.
- Ideas for future meeting presentations include MPO-MTP, Dockless Mobility, RBX, FDOT Program, Surtax.

IX. Committee Member Updates

- Member Seitz brought up the AIA Greenway. He recommended applying for Scenic Highway funds and to have a meeting this year to discuss. Additionally, he mentioned that reflectors should be placed along AIA to demarcate the bicycle lane. Mr. Wallace will follow up at a later meeting.
- Vice Chair Layne, shared that he was involved in a bicycle accident due to debris in the bike lane on Coral Ridge Drive in the City of Parkland. He presented pictures of debris in the bicycle lane. Mr. Sofoul will forward pictures to Highway and Bridge Maintenance (HBMD) and request cleanup. Chair Siegel suggested that he contact the City to inquire about regulations on construction sites/trucks.
- Member Chakler asked for a presentation on the maintenance schedule for bicycle lanes and noted that Nob Hill between SR 84 and Broward Blvd. need additional cleanup. He mentioned construction projects that do not provide Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for bicycles in several location across the County. Mr. Wallace will reach out to the Construction Project Manager for these areas. He also asked about the missing signs on the New River Greenway. Mr. Sofoul is working with HBMD on this issue.
- Chair Siegel recapped the Broward County Complete Streets Team meeting including the Transportation Surtax and the bicycle lane along Andrews Avenue north of Cypress Creek. She also discussed future projects in West Sunrise near Sawgrass Mills to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Member Chakler and Member Kroll mentioned the fatal bicycle crash on SR 84 late last year and want to focus on BPAC action. It was recommended that BPAC could have member of law enforcement come to present. Chair Siegel recommended that Mr. Sofoul reach out to the Police Chiefs Association. Mr. Sofoul explained that he will have the Florida Bicycle Association to give a recap on the legislative session and future action BPAC could urge the County Commission to endorse. Additionally, Vice Chair Layne indicated that he has a contact for a BSO Officer could potentially give a presentation.

X. Public Comment

Fern Goodhart, a resident of the City of Sunrise, introduced herself. She made several comments to the Committee including disappointment that bicyclists are charged admission on weekends at County parks. This could be a future item for BPAC to provide guidance.

XI. Adjourn

The January 9, 2019 BPAC meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm on March 13, 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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