



Agenda

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday June 19, 2019 5:00 p.m

City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave

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NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 2019

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 19, 2019
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee was called to order by Councilor Vigil Coppler, Chair, on this date at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler, Chair
Bruce Finger
Stephen Newhall
Sidney Redner
Khalil Spencer
Sky Tallman
Jennifer Wellington
Rachel Wexler

Members Absent:

Tom Sharpe [excused]

Others Attending

Bob Siqueiros
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Wexler, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. May 15, 2019

Member Wellington said Safe Routes to Schools is a program and should be capitalized.

On page 4 in the middle of the page, it is supposed to say resolution for bike may use full lane. And on signage, it should be capped.

On page 4, at the motion, the motion was made by Member Tallman, not by Mr. Newhall.

Member Spencer said it should say, "can be more aggressive" in the 4th paragraph on page 8.

Member Tallman said the word on page 7, second to last paragraph, should be "lanes."

MOTION: Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Wellington, to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

a. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) - Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)

This report was considered later in the agenda after Mr. Rogers arrived.

6. DISCUSSION

a. Regarding Creating Safe Cycling and Youth 123 Teaching Spaces in a City Parking Lot. (Stephen Newhall)

Member Newhall said this course is an hour-long process to set up the course for a few hours= use and they are trying to find a spot they could permanently mark to make it a five-minute job and a regular spot.

Tim Rogers arrived at 5:08.

Mr. Newhall explained that the school parking lots are locked on weekends. They now use the state parking lot for this course. He thought the best location might be the old College of Santa Fe where there are lots of unused parking lots. The idea is more important than actual location. They just put down spots of spray paint and it would be amazing how much time could be saved by doing that.

Mr. Siqueiros explained that there is no pay parking at Midtown Campus so it would be Public Works that should be asked. After he talked with Noel Correia, he concluded it would be easier at Midtown.

Chair Vigil Coppler suggested that the Asset Development Manager, Kevin Kellogg, should be involved.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to set up a meeting.

Member Newhall added that they usually do them on Saturday mornings.

Member Wexler asked if he had to get permission from the parking lot owner. She said there is a liability issue to consider.

Member Finger said there might be broken glass or other debris to take care of so they would need a sweeper to come in.

Member Spencer said it would be heartbreaking if people were parked there on the Saturday morning of the class. Locating at an unused parking lot would be best.

Member Newhall didn't think much happens at Midtown except at the film area. There are huge amounts of unused parking and he didn't think there were plans for their use. It is the geographic center of the City.

Mr. Siqueiros reminded Mr. Newhall that they are starting movies on Friday nights.

Member Newhall said they would not do this after dark and the area would be fully usable as a parking lot at other times. There are probably other parking lots not used on Saturday mornings.

Member Wellington said they talked with Erick Aune about the bike lanes laid out at Ashbaugh but maybe Midtown would be better. Even a piece of open ground could be used.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked what kind of paint is used.

Member Newhall said they just paint a little dab and also have used half tennis balls. But paint could be done once. He would like to meet with Kevin and looked forward to finding a spot. "We can be reasonably flexible about it.

Chair Vigil Coppler suggested someone from Public Works and Mr. Kellogg to brainstorm a likely place.

b. Continued Discussion and Regarding Bicycle Safety Ordinance (Sky Tallman, BTAC Member)

Member Tallman drafted proposed language for the City to consider. It is behind the agenda in the packet. This language was modeled after the ordinance BTAC reviewed last month from Cambridge Mass. Some are just small changes to the City Code to make streets more bicycle and pedestrian friendly and looks like Complete Streets. It is- not just bicycles but also pedestrians.

He asked for discussion and comments and the next step would be something we agree on for Council to consider.

Chair Vigil Coppler pointed out that Chapter 14 is being redone right now and she was not sure how much intersects with that.

Mr. Siqueiros said the bicycle regulations are in the traffic ordinance. Complete Streets would be more appropriate in Chapter 14.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked if the Committee should split them up.

Mr. Siqueiros said possibly.

Chair Vigil Coppler understood the spirit of this is to implement the nuts and bolts of what we are trying to implement as best practices. So if other sections need amending, the other part could be added in the Traffic Code.

Member Tallman agreed.

Chair Vigil Coppler felt some were much too detailed. She was not sure if it needs to be a resolution or just as an amendment. She proposed making proposed changes to both departments.

Mr. Siqueiros encouraged a resolution for the City and then have the whole Council supporting it.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked what to do if we just want to get our language into it.

Mr. Siqueiros said he could talk with Carol Johnson and John Romero about it.

Chair Vigil Coppler was all for cutting bureaucracy. But if there is no agreement, it could still go to Council.

Mr. Siqueiros pointed out that the Land Use Director hired a consultant for rewriting Chapter 14 and the traffic ordinance.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to come up with a draft with staff and if that didn't work, then do a resolution.

Chair Vigil Coppler was okay with a resolution but wanted to cut to the chase.

Member Tallman believed it must be a resolution.

Mr. Siqueiros and Chair Vigil Coppler were okay either way.

Member Wexler, in trying to understand, said BTAC does not want to just make suggestions but make changes to City Code. And it sounds like City Staff are now making changes to Chapter 14. And those recommendations must go to Council.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed. It must also go to Public Works and Finance Committees.

Chair Vigil Coppler wanted their input and hoped they would agree. Their recommendations will go through the committees and on to the Governing Body anyway.

Mr. Siqueiros explained that after the ordinance is drafted, it would be forwarded to the committees and then to Council. BTAC would be the driving force for the ordinance. It would have public hearings and comments.

Member Wexler - if staff are not friendly to our suggestions, could we just make a recommendation directly to the Mayor?

Chair Vigil Coppler clarified that it must go through two committees and be approved by at least one. She thought Public Works seemed to be pretty receptive to what BTAC has brought to them regarding bicycle safety. She proposed trying the staff route in both departments to distribute our wishes. The ideas are there though not in formal format.

Mr. Siqueiros apologized that he forgot to put it for action on the agenda.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked for a consensus and the Committee gave consensus.

Member Newhall proposed putting as the purpose on top of the whereas list, to have separated and buffered bike lanes on arterial roads.

Member Tallman suggested just some kind of barrier like flex posts or a curb or a five-foot median. When it is on the road, it is not the same as a bike path. There are lots of things written about it regarding different conflicts. There are treatments and not treated like another sidewalk. There are exceptions also.

Member Spencer said, "If we put in buffered bike lanes - by definition, arterials are very busy. There are potential hazard issues at intersections. What I've seen in Europe is there are separations and the signaling controls all phases of motion with separate signals for right and left turns. This is a whole extra level of traffic engineering. It would be worse to just put in a partial solution. The devil is in the details."

Mr. Siqueiros said, according to best practices to use in this paragraph, the engineers use AASHTO standards which many say they follow, but it doesn't answer all the questions even in Santa Fe. Those would be more explicit in Chapter 14 when a developer designs the roadway.

Member Wellington was concerned because some city facilities that are put in don't meet AASHTO, such as the River Road and Siler Road. She did not know why we can't get uniform traffic signs. Somebody made up a sign that was an advisory yellow diamond when we just asked for a standard regulatory sign.

Member Newhall pointed out the page listing all the categories of signage.

Member Tallman said the only thing added was the last line; all else is in Chapter 14.

Member Newhall said "collective mixed use" was the excuse for the Alta Vista screw up. There is no reason to take away a bike lane and then call it collective mixed use. It was a wide shared lane. Somewhere, "collective mixed use" should not be used except for the downtown plaza area. And collectors on up should have a 5-foot bike lane.

Member Tallman disagreed, especially in outlying areas.

Member Wexler noted on Alta Vista, the City put in all the bulb outs to make it safer for pedestrians and parking. But they have no sharrows and no place to take control of the street. She wondered how we write it to provide for that.

Member Finger left for his class at 5:50 pm.

Mr. Siqueiros said Guadalupe Street is another good example. It was a design to slow traffic and a bike is to take the lane.

Member Wexler understood the intent but on Alta Vista to Galisteo, you cannot take the lane because all the drivers behind you will be enraged.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed. And you need a very reliable bike and be in shape. A narrow profile leads to car precedence over bicycles. But we did bring down the speed below 25 mph and was safer for pedestrians. So there was a rationale for it, even though the bicyclists don't like it.

Member Wexler felt all the committee had confidence that the best interest of all users would be kept in mind but did not believe that was true when city engineers design the streets.

Member Tallman didn't think the Committee could write a good ordinance if we don't believe the City is going to have guidelines that will be followed. It would be pointless. And just because one was botched doesn't mean we should no longer consider collective mixed use. We have to trust the engineers and city staff on the decisions.

Chair Vigil Coppler pointed out that this is not Aone and you are done@ and envisioned the staff would craft suggestions for changes or get feedback on why some of what they propose might not work.

Member Spencer assumed on #1 that the improvement is in the ROW. The other option is parallel. I would strike "if possible" in line 4 to 5. Everyone agreed with him.

He also requested correction of "a lot of city streets are state-owned."

Mr. Siqueiros reported that he did call DOT after the last meeting and they could probably be here for July meeting. It is tough to get them to comply with our rules, but we have to comply with theirs.

Chair Vigil Coppler listed St. Michaels. Old Pecos Trail, Guadalupe and St. Francis among the state-owned streets in the city. She suggested striking Acity-owned street.@

Member Spencer proposed saying "when improvements are made to Santa Fe streets."

Chair Vigil Coppler was okay with that.

Member Newhall asked what happened with the City taking over St. Mike=s. The Cerrillos Road project started years ago. It might be good to talk with DOT.

Chair Vigil Coppler thought the State was going to repave St. Michaels this summer and after that, the city is going to take it over. That was what she was told. And we need that street for all that is going on now.

Member Newhall added that it is important to get involved with the project. There is enough room with repaving to put in bike lanes. He and Mr. Rogers went out to measure a few years ago. This is a big deal. He would hate to see it repaved just like it is now. It is more cost effective to do it right the first time.

Chair Vigil Coppler said the City has no jurisdiction. DOT is going to do minimal repaving since they know it won't be their street any longer; they won't put much into it.

She asked for Mr. Siqueiros to propose bike lanes to the DOT. And when SFAUD gets done, it could be different.

Member Wellington added that the DOT also has a Bike MP that they don't follow.

[Back to agenda.]

Member Wexler was confused on page 2 what "amend chart" meant. She asked if that is the same as table.

Member Tallman agreed. It should say table.

Chair Vigil Coppler said #4 should be amended to say "table."

Member Tallman said the footnote is part of this table as visible in the City Code. The whole table was not recreated here.

Chair Vigil Coppler felt this was a good first start.

Member Tallman said he has it digitally and would put in tracked changes.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would just make those changes.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked for Staff to come back in August.

The Committee had consensus on that.

[Back to SFCT with Tim Rogers.]

a. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT) - Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)

Mr. Rogers provided a summary of activities for May. There were lots of promotional and trail work and they have gone to Dale Ball with maintenance work to get trails ready for the storms when they come.

The SFCT contract continues the "vamanos walks." There is one tonight and one on Friday morning. It is easy to be reminded by texting the address is on the brochure 77 948 and type Sfwalks.

He noted the field trip statistics on the handout and a few photos to illustrate maintenance and promotional work they are doing.

He is working with MPO on the Bike MP update and estimating costs for those projects.

He was happy to help BTAC develop strategies and pleased that Member Newhall presented wayfinding last time. Long term for signage is very low hanging fruit. Right now, it doesn't provide wayfinding.

Public projects need to include bike lanes. So staff are not bound to Chapter 14 with public projects. Chapter 14 is for private development projects. He pointed out where separated bike lanes have been put in with a careful selection of locations. He would rather do one correctly and then think about how it could work on other roads but some of them just have too many driveways. Where they work, roads with minimal conflicts are chosen. That is part of the PSA for coordination.

One issue he brought to BTAC's attention was in La Tierra Trails when they are muddy. An outfitter has taken people out when they are really muddy and left scars. The individual also tampered with the signs to not use trails when they are muddy. It reflects an attitude that this person is above the etiquette requested. In some areas where mud is more a long-term reality is to close trails. No one is in favor of that and he didn't know if it is viable. But he suspected this person is conducting business in La Tierra Trails without a permit. It is an ongoing issue.

Under Planning and Coordination, we are still working on GUSTO and meshing it into other things. The Santa Fe Forest Service is also working on trail planning. This summer, he will be finishing the Gusto Plan Document and provide a report to BTAC.

Member Wexler said she has a permit and saw an incident in La Tierra Trails. She wondered if the Parks Staff ever check that area.

Mr. Siqueiros didn't think they walk those trails.

Member Spencer asked what the split is on who maintains those trails.

Mr. Rogers said it is under our contract and done 100% by volunteers from either SFCT or I Ride NM. City staff have assisted with materials and that is where we are. The City maintains the trail heads.

Member Spencer presumed that someone put the sign up there. He asked how that works.

Mr. Rogers explained that it is also an etiquette thing like "don't go the wrong way." We don't make or enforce the rules. They are regulations posted at all trail heads. We can advise. But commercial activities do require a permit also regardless of numbers.

Member Wellington knew the City has agreements with the Forest Service and asked if they have an agreement with I-Ride NM or Fat Tire Society. Maintenance and liability would be included in that.

Mr. Rogers clarified that the City owns and manages the trails. SFCT maintains them and builds or rebuilds and I Ride NM also does that with the permission of the City.

He said the PSA spells out what we are to do. There are nine tasks in the PSA. He believed I Ride NM has an agreement, but Fat Tire does not. When we built the Flow Trail, they did have an agreement, but they don't operate the trails - just ride on them and sometimes help maintain them.

Member Wexler thought it was important to have Parks staff come and be part of this conversation. There is a disconnect. She asked if she should just suggest an agenda item.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Chair Vigil Coppler commented that there are lot of expectations of the Parks Department and they don't have the staff even to deal with weeds.

Member Wexler agreed. That Department is beleaguered because it is not recognized as important. It is not because staff is not trying but they don't get the respect they need.

Chair Vigil Coppler agreed.

Mr. Rogers brought some materials for education in response to the last BTAC meeting. His handout was a copy of the resolution -

8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

a. On Road

Member Newhall announced that NMDOT should be working on Hwy. 14 this week as part of Santa Fe Century. There was a terrible lip and feedback from Century riders caused them to work on it now.

b. Education

Member Wellington reported the City got \$300,000 for Safe Routes to Schools through Parks and Recreation. It is critical that the money get contracted by July 1. It came during Bike to Work week. That is why she would like to see Parks and Rec staff here regularly.

Mr. Siqueiros said he should get a response this week, but he did not think it was with Parks and Rec.

Mr. Rogers confirmed it is Parks and Rec.

Member Wellington asked also how BTAC could get a regular police representative at all BTAC meetings. We have enough questions to them, and she was concerned about police enforcement.

Parks and Rec should also be here on a regular basis. She hoped it could be a standing expectation.

Chair Vigil Coppler said if we have them on the agenda each time, we need to give them a purpose because it incurs overtime and takes an officer off the street. They have to have something to report on. It is common courtesy. That would be ideal, and she understood the desire of the BTAC members.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Siqueiros said at the last BTAC meeting, he kept a log to follow up on. There were 5 items and he hoped to have all the answers today, but he will continue to do that. He will include responses in the packet. He said he does send the agendas to the Police Department. If there are things they want to respond to, they can come.

Member Spencer suggested, rather than having an officer here each time, that they could have a quarterly police report on incidents involving bicycles, etc.

Chair Vigil Coppler agreed that would be a good report but it depends on the skill of the officer. We can ask.

Mr. Siqueiros reported the City is advertising for several engineering positions so he did not know how long he would be here as the staff liaison.

10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Member Tallman recalled at the last meeting, BTAC talked about where wayfinding signs should go and wondered if Mr. Siqueiros had a GIS file on it.

Mr. Siqueiros said the Staff is working on it and, hopefully, there would be a report by the next meeting.

Member Tallman asked if the City has a list of construction sites for bicyclists.

Chair Vigil Coppler thought John Romero had spoken to this. She asked if this is a County impacted responsibility.

Mr. Siqueiros said it is shared responsibility.

Chair Vigil Coppler asked Mr. Siqueiros to follow up with John Romero about it. It was discussed before.

Member Wexler was unclear if this is a permanent situation or because construction is occurring on Siler right now.

Mr. Siqueiros said there is construction right now but that is temporary.

Member Wexler observed the trail is closed on Pen Road.

Mr. Siqueiros said it requires permits from the City for an apartment complex. We could red tag the project if they didn't open it. But the goal of the developer is to keep traffic away. It is difficult sometimes to have them all in place.

Member Wexler said in Albuquerque they put a sign and a detour path for cyclists.

Member Wellington thought if they did not do it, they would get a red tag. She asked how BTAC could push to get enforcement. Bicycles and pedestrians are affected.

Over on Camino Carlos Rey, the bike lane suddenly closed. Otherwise, it is just lip service and it needs creative solutions. We can always use the lane but make it clear to motorists that bikes may be using full lane because of construction. She was sure there is something in the AASHTO guidelines.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Vigil Coppler had nothing to communicate.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved by:

JoAnne Vigil Coppler, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl G. Boaz
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