

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On February 13, 2023, the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee met at 11:00 a.m. in Room 275 of the Simms Building for a Regular Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Isaiah Flores	Yes	1	1
Steve Rogers	Yes	41	35
Howard Smith	Yes	43	42
Terri Guengerich	Yes	19	18
Chris Podzemny	Yes	6	6
Melinda Landry	No	4	3
Steph Atkinson	Yes	4	4
NON-VOTING MEMBER			
Michael Padilla	No	20	20

City of Amarillo staff members attending were:

Donny Hooper	Public Works Director
Courtney White	Attorney II
Michelle Ramirez	Traffic Administrative Technician

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order.

Committee Chairman Rogers called the scheduled regular meeting of the Amarillo City Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Advisory Committee to order at 11:01 a.m.

Item 1: Public Forum.

Rusty Donaldson was present for the meeting.

Item 2: Review of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Committee Chairman Rogers asked if there were any changes to make for the approval of the December 12, 2022, minutes. Committee Member Guengerich made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Member Podzemny seconded the motion, and motion carried 5:0.

ITEM 3: Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Chairman Rogers offered floor to Committee. Committee member Podzemny motioned to keep Steve Rogers as Chairman and Member Guengerich seconded. Motioned carried 5:0. Committee Member Atkinson made a motion for Podzemny to be Vice Chairman. Chairman Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried 5:0.

Item 4: The Committee will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects:

A. Update on the right of way availability for bike trails

Chris is still working on this. He's not quite ready to present the routes. There is an old map of GIS that has not been updated according to Donny. There are projects going on and is delayed a bit. Chris will continue to work on this once the GIS map is updated and will present this to the Committee when ready. Chairman will help with the easements and will be available when Chris is ready to present. Committee Member Guengerich asked about volunteer groups.

A. Update on loop from TXDOT

Kim Hooker presented a memo about TXDOT's pedestrian safety action plan. It uses Austin as a sample. She asked what data the Committee would like to see. She will then take the information to TXDOT. She also talked a bit about Connecting Texas 2050-A Statewide long-range Transportation Plan.

B. Update on walkability in Amarillo

Committee Guengerich updated the Committee. She had a meeting with Donny and Communications. They are doing a ten-year plan survey. Donny stated that he did talk with Emily in the Planning Dept. There is a safe streets project in the works right now through a grant program along with some community meetings. There will be a survey conducted for the school crossing guards on safety. She mentioned they too discussed having three topics that are 30 second educational videos. Topic recommendations are, Rules of the Road for Bikes & Pedestrians. School Zones Safety/ How to Navigate a Bike/How to Walk. How to use a HAWK. General Bike Safety. What's Available in Amarillo. Donny will present these and get back with Committee.

C. Introduction of New Committee Member

Chairman Rogers introduced Isaiah Flores to the Committee. He is a senior at Caprock High School and will be attending UT Austin in the fall. He will major in Environmental Engineering.

Item 4: Future agenda items and next meeting date


- Crosswalk Signs
- Review and discuss PSA Content
- Update on the right of way availability for bike trails
- Update on walkability in Amarillo

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting date on April 10, 2023.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.

ATTEST:


[Michelle Ramirez], Board Secretary


[Steve Rogers], Chairman