City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held in person and virtually via Microsoft Office Teams
Wednesday, March 22, 2023; 2:30 – 4:30pm

In-Person: John B. Raia Conference Room, 611 Walker St

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 251 846 658 247

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link:

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email before 2:00pm on March 22, 2023, will be read into the record during public comment.

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each at the beginning of the meeting.

Agenda

Discussion Regarding the Following Items:

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion: Sign installation along trails: Lisa Torry Smith Act
5. Open Forum
6. Announcements

City of Houston
BAC Education Subcommittee

March 22, 2023

Call to Order. Co-Chair Jessica Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair BAC (P)
Jessica Wiggins, Co-Chair (P)
Leah Chambers, Co-Chair (P)
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (A)
Beth Martin (A)
Lisa Graiff (A)
Judith Villarreal (P)
Robin Holzer (P)

Ex-Officio Members:
David Fields (P)
Ian Hlavacek (A)
Juvenal Robles (A)

1) Director's Report. David Fields gave the Chair's Report:
    - Director Fields noted a few administrative changes on meeting procedures. The subcommittees, when they meet will only call the roll of that subcommittee, not the entire BAC anymore. It's the BAC of the whole where you'll see everybody's name called, of course, all BAC members are invited to all subcommittee meetings. You just won't be part of the roll.
    - There was a ribbon cutting for the MKT Trail connection and it is officially now open.
    - BAC member nominations for 2023 have submitted to the Mayor's Office of Boards and commissions. As soon as we have answers, which is usually very early in the year, we will notify everybody about the 2023 results.
    - Staffed worked for months on the bicycle friendly communities application. We had previously been bronze. We were hoping to receive silver this year with all the work that went in. We did hear back that we maintain our bronze status. The message from staff for reviewing is we were the hardest decision they had to make this year. We were right on the cusp.

2) Chair's Report. Co-Chair Wiggins gave the Chair's Report:
    - Co-Chair Wiggins went out to see the ribbon cutting at the MKT Trail and was astonished. To see three women cutting the ribbon on the new trail was a thing that I've never seen in Houston. She also learned that Houston Public

Works had a bigger role in making that happen than initially thought, and gave a shout out to Houston public works.
- On 11th St. She encourages if anyone has a chance to go over the holiday, it would be really cool to start gathering some photos and kind of experiences of how that's really working in the community. She will make an effort to get out there over the holidays and see how it's all shaping up.

3) Public Comment: None

4) Discussion: Sign installation along trails: Lisa Torry Smith Act Sign installation along trails: Lisa Torry Smith Act
   - The subcommittee was tasked to submit a list of potential companies with fleets to target for Bicycle Friendly Training.
   - 25+ Companies were submitted, and the committee decided to focus on one Silver Eagle who already has a good training program.
     - Staff will put together a basic interview survey comprised of no more than five, six questions. As opposed to sending it to all 20 on the proposed list, staff will start with Silver Eagle because they may help us formalize the questions in the right words and then maybe expand that to the next tier.
     - Staff will reach out to other cities, that may have gone through the training issues, and see what has worked or what has not worked for them.
     - Staff will contact Silver Eagle and report back to the subcommittee at the March 2023 meeting.

5) Open Forum.

6) Announcements and Events:

   - Next BAC meetings
     - 1/25/2023: Bicycle Advisory Committee
     - 2/22/2023: Infrastructure Subcommittee
     - 3/23/2023: Education Subcommittee

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Education Subcommittee

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Mission and Vision

BAC Mission
To advise and make recommendations to the commission and the director on issues related to bicycling in the city including, but not limited to, amendments to the Bike Plan, bicycle safety and education, implementation of the Bike Plan, development of strategies for funding projects related to bicycling, and promoting public participation in bicycling.

BAC Vision
By 2027, the City of Houston will be a Safer, More Accessible, Gold Level Bike-Friendly City

BAC Education Subcommittee Roll Call

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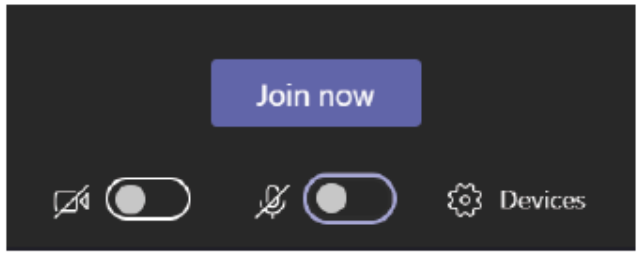

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Director's Report

David Fields

Co-Chair's Report

Jessica Wiggins

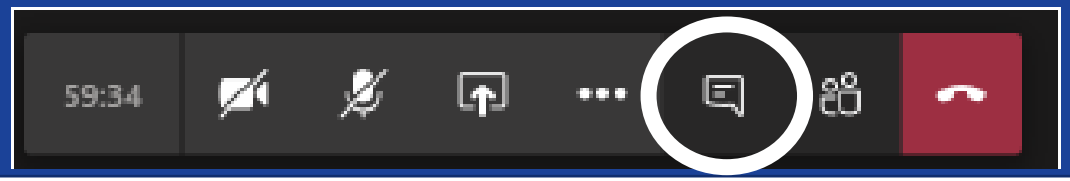
Leah Chambers

Public Comment

Send **written comments** to bac@houstontx.gov by 2:00pm the day of a BAC meeting. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

Comment by **Phone:** to join dial 936-755-1521; ID 594 297 824# Press ***6** to unmute when called upon by the Chair

Comment via **Microsoft Teams**: Type your name and that you would like to comment



Sign installation along trails:

Lisa Torry Smith Act

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- 2017 Lisa Torry Smith was killed walking her son to school when they were struck by a car in the crosswalk
- At the time, people driving cars were not criminally liable for hitting someone in a crosswalk (either walking or riding a bicycle)
- 2021 Lisa Torry Smith Act becomes law and holds people driving cars criminally liable for hitting and injuring a vulnerable road user in a crosswalk

New City of Houston Sign



Learn more about what happened to Torry and the legal implications of the new law

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Open Forum

Announcements & Events

West Houston Trail Fest

- Saturday, March 25, 2023
- 1001 S. Dairy Ashford
  Houston, TX 77077
- 12 – 4 PM



Announcements & Events

Livable Places Houston

Let us know what you think about the Draft proposed C42 ordinance amendments for Overall Housing Recommendations.

These were presented to the Planning Commission on March 16th, 2023, at 2:30pm with a public hearing and a 30-day comment period was opened.

Staff is collecting comments on these amendments through the end of April 16th, 2023.



- Visit: https://www.letstalkhouston.org/livable-places/survey_tools/livable-places-survey-2

Announcements & Events

Next Meetings:

- Bicycle Advisory Committee: April 26, 2:30-4:30pm
- Infrastructure Subcommittee: May 24, 2:30-4:30pm
- Education Subcommittee: June 21, 2:30-4:30pm

Thank You

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