



****SPECIAL MEETING****

Minutes

Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (BTSSC)

Davis Senior Center, Valente Room (646 A Street)

January 10, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Commission Members: Frances Andrews (Vice Chair), Ryan Dodge, Todd Edelman, Eric Gudz (Chair), Jessica Jacobson, Mike Mitchell, Lyuba Vosheva

Council Liaisons: Brett Lee, Dan Carson (alternate)

Staff: Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Engineer / Transportation Manager
Brian Abbanat, Senior Transportation Planner
Adrienne Heinig, Management Analyst

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Potential Modifications to Yard Material Collection Service

Adrienne Heinig introduced the topic provided background information on action City Council is asked to take on February 5th. Council will select one of three different potential on-street yard material collection schedules:

- 12 pickups per year
- 15 pickups per year
- 16 pickups per year

City staff was asked by the Council to hold a single community workshop prior to returning to Council on the proposed changes. Any interested commissions could discuss the item prior to February 5th.

Commissioner Mitchell stated the staff report lacks metrics to inform any recommendation from the commission.

Commissioner Dodge inquired about the number of pickups currently.

Adrienne Heinig responded 18 pickups per year.

Commissioner Jacobson inquired if there have been accidents for bicyclists and whether there was an option to eliminate the program entirely.

Adrienne Heinig responded that per City Council direction, staff is only looking at revisions. Staff does not have data on crashes.

Public Comment:

Diane Swann, Bike Davis Board Member commented that yard waste in the streets is a bicyclist safety issue. Most crashes are not reported. She cited a personal story of her husband catching a stick in the wheel and causing serious injury. Stated yard waste is the most common of the many obstacles bicyclists encounter. City should move toward keeping streets clean, which will keep them safer.

Peter Jacobson commented he was injured by a leaf pile on December 17th. Had to go to the emergency room. Leaf piles are a very real danger.

Mick Classen(?) commented he has run over street piles. Should not build streets to store debris. Davis is one of the few cities that still have LITS (loose in the streets). Concerned about water quality. Stated there is no reason to keep LITS.

Darrell Dickey stated he has been working on green waste for a long time. He stated crashes don't get reported. He works in the Police Department and doesn't know how to report. We need the data and we don't have it or a way to get it. Davis needs to pull the band aid off now. Any schedule with gaps does not work, we end up with piles all year. If we continue with pickups, do them over consecutive weeks and enforce the rest of the year.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Dodge inquired why there isn't an option for more pickups.

Adrienne Heinig responded staff has been talking with the Utility Rate Advisory Commission for a while. It's a costly service and would require rate increases.

Mayor Lee added that due to the Prop 218 process, Council expressed an interest in looking at a reduced option. Council wasn't interested in increasing the claw service.

Commissioner Edelman stated that limiting the discussion to three options is an insult. He regularly hits piles and we need to move towards eliminating entirely.

Brian Abbanat responded that the commission is not limited to making a recommendation on the three options, only that Public Works staff was asked to provide City Council with reduced options. The BTSSC can make any recommendation it sees fit.

Commissioner Jacobson stated that from a safety perspective, reducing street waste pickup is the right thing to do. Prefers reducing the time period.

Commissioner Vosheva inquired if violations are being enforced.

Adrienne Heinig confirmed they are and that full time staff is assigned.

Commissioner Gudz commented that this issue represents a culture challenge. Offering convenience is hard to take away. We can present an alternative path. Would like a little more

data, follow-up on additional education. They advocated for minimum option and/or strong recommendation for phase-out.

Motion #1 (Mitchell): The BTSSC will not provide a recommendation regarding the proposed yard material collection schedules at this time as 1) were not provided with statistical analysis of current or proposed schedules to make an informed decision, and 2) none of the schedules have been shown to address foundational concern regarding loose collection to cyclists.

Motion fails for lack of second.

Motion #2 (Edelman, Gudz): Keeping street safety as a paramount consideration of this body, the BTSSC recommends the City Council switches yard material on-street collection to 12 pickups with a concentrated weekly schedule as appropriate, with the ultimate goal being a phase out of the program and to support an educational program for property managers to better manage their waste on side as a complement to the termination.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment on items not on the agenda.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.
