

Meeting Minutes
Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
March 20, 2007

Members Present: Phillip Barron, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Diane Daniel, George Dubay, Bo Glenn, Tim Griffin, Judy Martell

Excused Absences: Alan Dippy, Pete Schubert

Other Absences: Mary Malicki

Staff: Dale McKeel

Guests: Katherine Chou, Claudia Russell, Jack Warman

1. Call to Order – Dan Clever called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes – Judy moved to adopt the February 20, 2007 minutes, Scott seconded, and it passed unanimously. Dale noted that the minutes from October 2006 are not yet completed.
3. Adjustment to the Agenda – Bo stated that he had announcements for New Business. Diane requested that we add a discussion of Bike-to-Work week.
4. Introductions – Katherine Chou and Claudia Russell stated they are interns at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center and are doing a survey on Safe Routes to Schools programs, and would like BPAC members to participate in the survey. Scott noted that Pearsontown School in Durham has a quarterly walk-to-school day that has about 100 participants.
5. Announcements – Diane Daniel noted that a driver was charged in a crash with a bicyclist at the intersection of Corporation and Morris streets, and that the BPAC should let the Police Department know that we are aware of this and appreciate it.
6. Public Comments – None
7. Law Enforcement Update – Tim asked about targeted enforcement. Bo suggested that BPAC approach the Mayor and City Council and City Manager and ask that police focus on targeted enforcement. Diane suggested discussing this at the retreat. George asked if Duke University should also be approached as well, because some of the worst areas are near Duke, such as the intersection of Erwin and Fulton in front of Duke North Hospital; George noted that there is never an officer at the intersection, traffic light cycles are too long, and drivers don't yield to peds. Diane reiterated that the BPAC needs to focus on this.

8. Development Review Board – Judy Martell reported on the plans for expansion of the Duke Law School that she had reviewed. She said the comments from the Transportation staff indicated the need for street improvements in various locations around the campus, based on the traffic impact analysis for campus expansion. The staff comments also indicated that Duke can request extensions, but the street improvements have to be made before the central campus projects are approved by DRB. She said the comments dealt with road improvements but not sidewalk or bike lane improvements.

Regarding bike racks, Judy reported that one of the planners in Planning Department had advised her that the wave style rack does not conform to the standards of the UDO. She said that she continues to correct site plan detail drawings on the spacing and orientation of U style racks, and that a photo and architectural detail drawing is needed in the UDO. George suggested contacting local landscape architects Dan Jewell or Bob Lappas for assistance with the detail.

Judy reported that Northgate Park is being redesigned and that the bike parking is in a good location. On Westover Park near Guess Road, she has requested better handicapped parking and access.

Dale discussed the Everwood Subdivision on Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road. He noted that the subdivision plans had been approved before the Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road plans and that the developer provided 14-foot wide outside lanes for the portion of the road where there was a full-width turn lane. The BPAC requested that Wesley Parham be invited to the April 17 meeting to discuss how the bicycle and pedestrian plans are working with new development.

9. Web site – Phillip reported that the letter written by Dan on the Alston Avenue project has been posted to the BPAC website.
10. University Issues – No report.
11. American Tobacco Trail – Dan reported that the State TIP has been approved with the ATT funding and that the City Council approved \$100,000 to begin design and public outreach on the remaining phase of the American Tobacco Trail. Dan said he hoped to have something more to report in April.
12. DOST Update. No report.
13. Annual Report – Dale said he is still working on a draft of an annual report for review by the BPAC.
14. Jordon High School – No report.
15. Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road – BPAC members asked about the sidewalk and road widening associated with a development under construction on Old Durham-Chapel

Hill Road, and asked whether site plans in the future would require bike lanes and sidewalks to match what is shown in the Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road plan.

16. Application for Bicycle-Friendly Community Designation – Dale stated that he is working on the application for the designation. It was the consensus of the BPAC not to apply in 2007. Dale was asked to send out the application.
17. “Perils for Pedestrians” on Public-Access TV – Dale stated that he has made additional contacts about airing this show in Durham. The show is also available on Google Video, and it was suggested that a link be provided to the show on the BPAC website. Dale noted that a show filmed in 2006 featured Alison Carpenter as well as John Tallmadge from the Triangle Transit Authority.
18. Retreat – The BPAC reviewed and made adjustments to the draft agenda for the retreat. Judy suggested that Mark Ahrendsen discuss how the BPAC can work together with the Transportation Division and insure that bike-ped facilities stay two steps ahead of growth. Phillip suggested the focus be on becoming more forward thinking in the implementation of the bike and ped plans. BPAC members requested that Dale mail the BPAC bylaws/interlocal agreement and the implementation sections from the bike and ped plans.
19. Resurfacing List. BPAC reviewed a list of 2007 resurfacing projects in Durham. Bo moved that Dan prepare a letter on providing improved bike facilities as part of the resurfacing projects. George seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
20. TIP Projects. Dale briefly reviewed the bicycle and pedestrian projects included in the recently adopted 2007-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.
21. Other Business. Bo described two recent incidents: (1) Kids threw ice at friends who were bicycling. They were told that unless an officer observes the incident and can identify the driver, they will not investigate or pursue the case. (2) Bo was bitten by a dog. Animal Control will take a dog-bite report. The dog was caught and held for 10-day quarantine, so Bo did not have to take rabies shots.

Diane asked about reserving a booth at the Eno Festival. It was decided that a booth would be reserved for DOST, BPAC, and Triangle Rails-to-Trails.

For Bike-to-Work Week, the BPAC decided to host a breakfast event and also an after-work event. George and Scott volunteered to help organize the after-work event at a restaurant in the American Tobacco Campus.

Phillip announced the opening of the Durham Bike Co-Op on Sunday, March 25.

Meeting adjourned; 9:10 p.m. Next meeting: April 17, 2007, at 7 pm in the City Council Committee Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.

Follow-up items:

- Thank the Durham Police Department for their work on the investigation that led to a driver being charged in a crash with a bicyclist at the intersection of Corporation and Morris streets (Dan Clever / Dale McKeel).
- Approach the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, and Duke University to ask that police focus on targeted enforcement (BPAC)
- Obtain photo and architectural detail drawing of correct bike rack placement for the Unified Development Ordinance (Judy Martell / Dale McKeel / others?)
- Invite Wesley Parham to the April 17 BPAC meeting (Dale McKeel)
- Prepare a draft annual report (Dale McKeel)
- E-mail the incomplete Bicycle Friendly Community Application to BPAC members (Dale McKeel)
- Add a link to “Perils for Pedestrians” on the BPAC website (Alan Dippy)
- Mail the BPAC bylaws/interlocal agreement and the implementation sections from the bike and ped plans prior to the retreat (Dale McKeel)
- Prepare a letter on providing improved bike facilities as part of the 2007 NCDOT resurfacing projects (Dan Clever)