



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

M I N U T E S

July 21, 2009 ▪ 7:00 PM
Committee Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Merry Rabb, Steve Saltzman, Linda Smith.

Members Absent: Excused: Lars Trost, Jack Warman

Staff Present: Dale McKeel

Guests Present: Bo Glenn

Public Present: Jessalee Landfried, Hillary Ellis, Jon Miller, Members of Durham Police Department Bicycle Unit

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bruce Rosar.
2. Meeting Minutes. The minutes from the June 16, 2009 BPAC meeting were approved unanimously, following a motion by Dan and second by Lars.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. It was agreed to move the item, Durham-Orange Friends of Transit, after Public Comment and before Committee Reports.
4. Introductions. BPAC members and others present introduced themselves.
5. Public Comment. Hillary Ellis, a representative of the Tuscaloosa-Lakewood Neighborhood Association, expressed concern from the neighborhood association about speeding on Chapel Hill Road and a number of run-off-the-road crashes that have occurred in recent months. The neighborhood is concerned that the speeding and crashes reduce the safety for bicyclists and pedestrians on Chapel Hill Road. The neighborhood has also noted that different messages about the speed limit are given by the signage on Chapel Hill Road. BPAC members expressed concern about the situation. Dale provided Ms. Ellis with the contact information for City Traffic Engineer Phil Loziuk.
6. Durham-Orange Friends of Transit. Bo Glenn discussed the formation and recommendations of the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC). The STAC recommendations include the following: (1) expansion of local and regional bus systems, (2) transit circulators, (3) park and ride lots, and (4) 56-mile fixed guideway network. Bo stated that in order for the systems to be successful, transit oriented development (TOD) and amenities such as streetscape enhancements are necessary. He noted that the recommendations were modeled to some extent on Charlotte's successful system. Bo also noted that 32,000 Triangle residents have no car and that 15 % of the population will be over 65 in 2035. Bo discussed

the efforts underway to create a funding source for the transit program. Dan thanked Bo for his work on the STAC and for organizing the Durham-Orange Friends of Transit. Steve suggested that Bo contact the Institute for Sustainable Development. Following a motion by Dan and a second by Jim, the BPAC members voted unanimously to endorse the Durham-Orange Friends of Transit.

7. Announcements. Steve reported that the upcoming Friday show of the “State of Things” on WUNC-FM would focus on bicycle issues. There was a discussion of documents to share with Frank Stasio, the program’s host, and how to take advantage of the opportunity.
8. Development Committee Report. Jim reviewed the notes from the Committee’s most recent meeting, including the following: letter on the downtown loop study, UDO clarification on bicycle parking requirement when motor vehicle parking is added to an existing site, Carver Street extension project, UDO text amendment for the downtown tier, and DRB schedule.
9. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott reviewed the notes from the Committee’s most recent meeting. Topics discussed included the Durham bike map, economic stimulus projects, restriping projects, trail bike projects, and the bike plan digest.
10. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg reviewed the notes from the Committee (attached).
11. Communications Committee. Ken and Steve reported on the notes from the committee’s recent meeting (attached). Ken reported that he and Dale are planning to attend the League of American Bicyclist’s Certified Instructor Training in September.
12. American Tobacco Trail. Dan discussed the status of ATT Phase E. The consultant is preparing the site plan, which has to be approved by DRB. A special use permit from City Council is also required. The city hopes to have the project out to bid by the end of the year. Phase F in Chatham County is on-line for completion in August or September.
13. Anderson Street. Dale reported that the neckdowns are being removed on Anderson Street and resurfacing/restriping is scheduled for August or September.
14. Interlocal Agreement. Dale reported that the Interlocal Agreement should be moving to the Joint City-County Planning Committee in September, and will then move on to the elected boards for final approval.
15. Economic Stimulus Program. Dale reported that the local stimulus projects still appear to be on track.
16. BPAC Brochure. Alan reported that the brochure is at the printers, and he hopes to review the proof in the next few days.
17. Bicycle Friendly Business Update. Steve reported that BPAC could learn from communities such as Toronto and Denver how to make the connection between bicycle friendly businesses and positive community development, as a means of getting more businesses interested in the concept.

18. Letter on the Redesign of the Downtown Loop. Dan Clever discussed the letter. It was suggested that the statement on pavers be amended to make a stronger statement against their use. On a motion by Dan and second by Ken, BPAC members unanimously agreed to send the letter as amended.
19. Letter on the NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Program. Dale discussed the letter. It was suggested that the letter be amended to add Chair below Alan's name and to send a copy to Police Chief Lopez. On a motion by Jim and second by Dan, BPAC members unanimously agreed to send the letter as amended.
20. Other Business. (1) Dale reported that there has been discussion of setting a speed limit for the American Tobacco Trail, and that BPAC may want to weigh in. The matter was forwarded to the Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee for discussion and a recommendation. (2) Dale reported that Durham bicycle commuter Pablo Torres had contacted him about providing a presentation to BPAC on bicycling in Amsterdam and Berlin. Dale provided Mr. Torres' contact information to the Communications Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next meeting: August 18, 2009, at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.

Action items:

- Send ideas for future speakers at BPAC meetings to the Communications Committee (BPAC members).
- Provide bicycle parking details for inclusion in Public Works Reference Guide and/or UDO (Development Review Committee).
- Complete work on BPAC brochure (Communications Committee).
- White paper on ATT encouragement activities (Ken).
- Determine if the GIS layers from the bicycle and pedestrian plans could be added to the city's on-line GIS system (Dale).
- Review progress in implementing the bicycle and pedestrian plans (Dale).
- Check on the NC 147 bridge completion date and any plans for a ribbon cutting (Dale).
- Send a letter to NCDOT Division Engineer requesting the restriping with wider outside lanes, if the matter cannot be worked out internally by city and NCDOT staff (Bike Plan Implementation Committee).
- Revise and send downtown loop and NHTSA pedestrian safety program letters (Alan/Dale).

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Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Minutes
July 2009 (No in-person meeting this month)

Agenda Topics:

1. Pedestrian Plan Progress Report and Plan Map

Jeff Garneau completed the on line/interactive Durham Walks! Pedestrian Plan map which can be viewed from the BPAC web site via Google Maps or Google Earth. The sidewalk segments are color coded by priority with different colors for projects actually completed or in progress. If a user points and clicks on a segment a flag pops up with the priority and project status of that sidewalk segment. Greg collected some input from BPAC members and some corrections were made. The map is available for all to see and is linked from the BPAC site in several places including the main News page and at the "Maps -> Sidewalk Improvement" link.

Follow up items:

- continue to collect feedback on the map.
- Jeff will apply the same approach for other maps as appropriate such as the Bike plan, Pedestrian Accidents and the Pedestrian Plan Prioritized Intersection Upgrades.

2. Pedestrian Bridge over 147

The new bridge is under construction and Dale says completion is scheduled for spring 2010, possibly sooner. At the June BPAC meeting it was suggested that BPAC would like to coordinate or help with events related to the grand opening of the bridge. Dale said that he would pass along BPAC's interest in being involved in a ribbon-cutting ceremony or related event.

3. Duke-related issues:

- Maxwell/Sumter Street closure: no change this month; last status - at the April 6 meeting Council delayed their decision for two cycles.
- Bike & Pedestrian Duke interface on line map: map is on line at:
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=104196852291956599437.0004501a5a8fcd5bf6eda&z=13>
- Duke liaison to BPAC - pending new interlocal agreement/expansion of BPAC

4. Safe Routes to School: no progress this month

BPAC Communications Committee meeting

Wed. July 15, 2009

Attending:
Ken Kaye
Alan Dippy
Steve Saltzman

Agenda items

1. BPAC printed brochure.

Order is in to the printer; we should have hard copies in the next couple of weeks.

2. Bicycle Friendly Business program

Steve and Ken will work together to research League of American Bicyclists' program, plus several US cities' existing program.

Right now, looks like there would be two tracks: retail, and employers.

ACTION: Will report progress back to the group in August.

3. Eno Festival

We had good activity and listserve signups Friday and Saturday.
Sunday was very quiet due to a rainy day.

4. Centerfest

Check has been issued for the booth.
We will decline to offer bike valet for this event.

ACTION: Need staffing from BPAC for Centerfest. Will distribute signup sheet offline.

5. Farmer's Market presence – July/August/September

ACTION: BPAC members poll: how many can take a Saturday (or two) to staff a table?

6. Bruce Rosar – Bicycle instructors for Durham

Due to the tragic loss of Bruce Rosar, there is a need for additional League-approved bicycle instructors in the Triangle area, especially Durham (Alison Carpenter appears to be the only Durham-based instructor in the League listings).

Ken Kaye and Dale McKeel will attend the LCI seminar in Greensboro in September in order to provide bicycle safety instruction to all ages.

ACTION: Ken and Dale will discuss ways in which they can provide services to schools and neighborhoods, in order to get more kids and adults on bikes safely throughout Durham