



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

November 17, 2009 ■ 7:00 PM
Audit Services Conf. Rm.
First Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Toby Berla, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb, Steve Saltzman (by telephone-non-voting), Linda Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost, Jack Warman.

Members Absent: Excused: Scott Carter

Staff Present: Dale McKeel

Liaisons Present: Council member Mike Woodard

Guests Present: Bike Unit Officer James Roberson, Jenny Rogers, Adrian Hands

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. The October 20 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Greg and second by Merry.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. None.
4. Announcements. Linda stated that in the staff report for a recent rezoning case on NC 751, the Planning Department discussed whether the plan conformed to the adopted bicycle plan.

Mike Woodard announced that he would be the liaison between the City Council and BPAC. Alan asked him to briefly discuss how the Council and BPAC can work together. Council Member Woodard said that BPAC plays a critical role in advocating for bicyclists and pedestrians. He noted the work of BPAC to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian amenities are provided with new development. He said the bike and pedestrian plans are three years old and there is a need to review progress. He noted the importance of Safe Routes to Schools. He mentioned that the capital budgets in future years will likely be small and the City will need to be creative in looking at ways to accomplish bicycle and pedestrian projects. He noted the role that BPAC can play in enhancing the connections to transit and encouraged BPAC to work with the DOTransit group.

5. Public Comment. There were no public comments.
6. Development Committee Report. Jack provided an update on the proposed revisions to the UDO based on recommendations from the bicycle and pedestrian plans. The committee is

looking at the connection between ATT Phase E and Southpoint Mall, and is planning to contact mall management. The committee is also reviewing a request from Triangle Transit to not install bicycle lockers at the regional transit center. The committee will have a new chair in 2010.

7. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Dan reviewed the minutes from the November 11 meeting of the committee (attached). Dan shared two letters that the committee has drafted. Following a motion by Dan and second by Greg, the letter on the downtown loop was unanimously endorsed. Following a motion by Ken and second by Jim, the outline of the letter on road diets and resurfacing for 2010 was unanimously endorsed.
8. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg provided a report of the committee's activities (attached). Greg reported that Erik has joined the committee.
9. Communications Committee. Ken reported that the committee has been working on the bikewalkdurham website. The committee set up a table at the East Coast Greenway event on the ATT. On November 24 the committee will work with Theresa Cromling providing bicycle safety instruction at a wellness day at Rogers-Herr Middle School. Ken is working with the Durham Y on providing bicycle training, and will also be offering off-season training to BPAC members.
10. American Tobacco Trail. The Phase E (Durham) site plan has been reviewed by BPAC and comments submitted.
11. Anderson Street. Dale reported that resurfacing/restriping is scheduled for late November, weather permitting.
12. Interlocal Agreement. Dale reported that the agreement has been approved by the City Council and will go to the County Commissioners in December or January.
13. Economic Stimulus Program. Dale stated that all projects, with the exception of the Garrett Road sidewalk project, are still moving forward.
14. Bicycle Friendly Community. Dale reported that he has begun working on the application, which is due February 19.
15. Letter – Bike-Ped Amenities for School Sites. Mike Woodard suggested that Hugh Osteen, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services, Durham Public Schools, be invited to a future meeting. A letter has been prepared and was approved at the October BPAC meeting. The letter will be sent to Minnie Forte-Brown and Hank Hurd, Acting Superintendent.
16. Sharrows. Ken led a discussion of sharrows. He noted that striping bike lanes and building new roads with bike lanes takes a long time. The introduction of sharrows could provide a series of wins over the next year. Sharrows also discourage wrong-way riding. Dan suggested that Blackwell Street would be one possible location – currently the trail ends and it is not clear where you are supposed to go. Jim said that the District Engineer would need to approve. Greg suggested looking at Anderson between Morehead and Duke University Road. Lars asked if adding sharrows to a road would reduce the likelihood of striping bike lanes on that road. Mike Woodard referenced a pilot project in Cincinnati. Ken said he

would communicate with Scott about the Bike Plan Implementation Committee discussing sharrows and making recommendations for sharrow locations.

17. Federal Funds Rescission. Dale briefly discussed the rescission of STP-DA funds. MPO staff is still researching the impacts on funded projects. Dale will provide more information at future meetings.
18. December Elections. Dale noted that the BPAC Bylaws specify elections in December. The executive committee was charged with bringing a slate of candidates to the December meeting.
19. Google Groups for BPAC. Jack discussed creating such a group. Mike Woodard will be included.
20. Other Business. Dale mentioned the NC 54 / I-40 study. He also suggested that BPAC begin planning for the annual retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: December 15, 2009, at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.

Action items:

- Interested members are to follow-up with Theresa Cromling, 323-5073, Theresa.cromling@duke.edu, to volunteer for Safe Kids events and coordinated BPAC activities with her organization.
- 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).
- 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).

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Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2009, 6:30–8:00pm., Sunset Grille

Facilitator/Note taker: Scott Carter

Attendees: Scott Carter, Dan Clever

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Scott.

Agenda Topics:

1. Letter from BPAC to Durham Transportation Dept with comments on downtown loop proposal
 - *Scott created a draft letter with reference to the letter that Dan wrote for BPAC to send in July on this topic. The letter was discussed and will be forwarded to BPAC for submission. The key messages in the letter are a reminder to consider and follow the bike plan in the redesign of the downtown loop.*
2. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT about bike facilities on W CH Rd, University Drive, and Main St.
 - *The committee discussed a letter to NCDOT since stimulus funding for repaving these roads is now set for 2010 and we want to ensure that the bike plan is considered for them. Dan will create a draft of a letter.*

3. Durham Bike map

Discussion:

- Dale said Greenways is still planning a review of the Durham map with a small focus group of reviewers from Durham groups including BPAC, DOST, Bicycle Chain, and the Bike Co-op. Still no clear on when the full Triangle map will be posted to the web. Greenways will provide border content. The map printing will be bid to 3 bidders. – *The contract with Greenways for \$11K has been reviewed and is now circulating for signatures. Hope to get underway within next month.*

Follow-up items:

- Committee will participate in review cycle for Durham map when ready.
- Dale continue to work with purchasing and legal to get signatures of Greenways contract
- Dale continue to work on RFQ for printers

4. Economic Stimulus Money project list

- Durham stimulus list projects include resurfacing of much of ATT, Riddle Rd spur, Murray St trail, 3rd Fork Creek Trl., Renaissance Pkwy crossing, and more bike racks. About \$2.6M of total \$4.5M on sidewalks. All projects were sent out for bids on 10/1, contract need to be signed by 12/31/09. Implementation in 2010. *Many of the bids came in below the engineer's estimates, which means that there will be additional dollars available for other resurfacing and restriping projects.*
- NCDOT initial stimulus list for resurfacing.
 - o Old Oxford Hwy. Not much BPAC value.
 - o N Duke St from Horton to I-85. DOT still agrees to WOL on this project.
- 2nd DOT resurfacing list is now published for construction in 2010. Includes W CH Rd and University Drive, which will cost about \$1M. Will ask for road diet / bike lanes on W CH and bike lanes on University. - Main St was not selected with the excuse of the bridge replacement in 2010. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT above covers these projects.
- W CH Road. Still need Phil L to send traffic analysis, now very important to get DOT this info since it will be repaved. Also includes Kent from W CH to Morehead.

5. Road projects

Discussion:

- *Resurfacing of Duke St, Hillsborough Rd, and Miami Blvd underway. Will be striping WOLs on these roads.*

- Anderson St. *Schedule for paving, weather permitting: Nov 17 – milling, Nov 18-20 – adjust utilities, Nov 23 – resurfacing start.*
- Main St. Did not make 2nd DOT stimulus funding list for repaving. Bridge will go for bids in Nov09 with construction in 2010. Repaving target will be 2011.
- Washington Street. Working on bike lanes per bike plan. Still need to have mtg w neighbors to notify of changes and address concerns such as parking. Phil L driving, not scheduled yet. This street is now in plan for sidewalks on west side next yr from stimulus list, and bike lane addition would be after that.
- Funded road/bicycle projects:
 - o STP-DA (Surface Transportation Program – Direct Allocation) and CMAQ funding from feds has now been rescinded! NC lost \$250M of funding, and Durham MPO will lose \$7M of its \$8M. A number of “funded” projects such as C-F, Morreene, Hillandale, Cornwallis will have their funding rescinded. *Still waiting for info from NCDOT on CMAQ funding: TAC will likely discuss in Dec/Jan which funding projects will be delayed. Dale anticipates that staff will recommend protecting funding for those projects that are under design (ATT, Old Durham-CH Rd).*
 - o Fayetteville Street road diet/bridge/ Safe Routes to School sidewalk. From Cornwallis to Cecil. Funding covers sidewalk, rework culvert, and restriping. Muni agreement was approved by City Council on 9/8. – No change.
 - o Morreene Rd. Municipal agreement under review. Need approval from CC. Funding lost.
 - o Carpenter-Fletcher Road, Hillandale Rd. Cornwallis Rd. Cost estimates, municipal agreements and functional design were underway. Needed proj mgrs. Funding lost.
- Briggs, Stadium restriping to add bike lanes. Briggs was resurfaced this month so should be able to stripe bike lanes soon.
- Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road bike/ped project. 25% plan done, Expecting 2 years to acquire right of way, target construction in 2011-12. New target for public meeting is early 2010.

Follow-up items: Continue to track.

6. Trail bike projects

Discussion:

- ATT Phase F. Chatham County trail work (4.5mi), started 9/8/08. Both bridges and nearly all paving is done. Grand opening next spring. Still debating dual surface from N Hopson Rd to Dur-Chat Co line or Scott King Rd. Bids asking for quotes with 1 and 2 surfaces.
- ATT Phase E bridge. Site plan first round of comments received. May create updated draft or may go straight to DRB for approval. State approvals going well so far. Working on MTC buffer and tree inventory. Still target to go to bid by end of year.
- 3rd Fork Creek. Status from Danny King. Phase 1: CMAR (Skanska) selected construction contractor. Construction expected to start in Oct09 with completion target Oct2010. Phase 2: Design approved to solicit bids as of 10/1. Begin construction starting spring 2010.
- NC 147 pedestrian bridge and connect to Rocky Crk Trl. Both abutments done. Target May2010 or earlier for completion.

Follow-up items: Continue to track.

7. Other Topics

- Old bus station. Convert to a bike station. Or Bike co-op now discussing with TTA on bldg on Duke St for a bike station. – No update.
- Downtown loop – convert back to 2-way traffic, 3 lanes w center turn lane. Public mtg held on 10/15. Consultant confirmed that design will support traffic requirements. Several comments reiterating bike and ped requirements. *Follow up mtg tentatively scheduled for Dec 10. Composed letter from BPAC to Durham (see 1 above).*
- NC 54 Corridor and NC 54 / I-40 interchange. Public meeting to solicit input on Nov 18.

8. Bike Plan Digest - want to have performance metrics versus implementation plan. No progress.

Adjourned around 8:00pm. Next meeting is Dec 9 (2nd Wednesday of month) at Sunset Grill at Sutton Station at 6:30pm.

Pedestrian Committee Report
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1. Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Plan Maps: Work has progressed on all three maps. The Bicycle Committee asked for additions and revisions of the draft map presented to them. All maps (*Durham Intersections Prioritized for Upgrade, Durham Bicycle Network Plan -- Top Projects, Durham Pedestrian Crashes*) and the "business continuity" facility for Dale McKeel will be completed during the week of Thanksgiving, 2009.

2. Safe Routes to School: nothing to report this month.

3. Increase participation in pedestrian issues/diversity of BPAC constituencies (BPAC goal from 2009 retreat): Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb and Greg Garneau participated in the Durham - Orange Friends of Transit (www.durhamorangefriendsoftransit.org) meeting held on November 4, 2009. Dan Clever and Scott Carter of BPAC were participants as was Bo Glenn, formerly of BPAC, who chaired the event. The purpose of the meeting was to identify a group of core supporters for the STAC plan and to agree upon a plan of action which will result in the passage of tax referendums to finance the proposed system. Transit riders are a key pedestrian constituency and the construction of the proposed system will lead to a much improved pedestrian infrastructure in the Triangle area. Erik Landfried sees the need to involve regular transit users/commuters in this effort.

Erik and Merry attended the webinar "The Power of 25: Advocacy Strategies for Creating Livable Communities". Peter Lagerwey, the Seattle Regional Office Director for Toole Design Group and formerly the pedestrian and bicycle program coordinator for the city of Seattle for more than twenty years, offered his formula for public involvement, demonstrating the effectiveness of 25 organized individuals. The webinar is archived here at <http://www.walkinginfo.org/training/pbic/webinars.cfm> (Greg plans to listen to it). Merry reported that "Someone (Erik or some other BPAC-er?) asked about the fact that pedestrians don't self-identify like cyclists and so how do you "find" them, and [Peter Lagerwey] said basically you find people that self identify some other way but are addressing pedestrian issues: neighborhood advocates, safe routes (school/child advocates) and transit riders/advocate[s]."

4. Police enforcement needs/wish list (BPAC goal from 2009 retreat for both bike and ped): no progress this month.

5. Handouts and "collateral" for public events that BPAC participates in. Merry noted at our October 20 meeting that BPAC did not have pedestrian oriented maps and handouts at the East Coast Greenway event. (Merry was a volunteer at the event.) Merry has since collected a variety of maps, links and handouts to meet this need (from Merry's email copied below):

"Based on Erik's suggestions at our meeting and some other thoughts discussed previously, here is some stuff I found that we could use for event handouts and/or links on a walking-focused section of the website. The first several are on (or are linked from) the Durham Visitor's Bureau site. Some of these are things we can use/refer people to starting now, others are worth looking at in case we can find or help produce a better/more complete version. I like Erik's idea of working with other organizations like Preservation Durham to help them develop maps, too.

Walking Tours:

- Durham Downtown walking tour map (2 miles) <http://dcvb-nc.com/comm/DowntownWalkingTour.pdf> I stopped by the Visitor's Bureau one afternoon this week and picked up a few paper copies of this. If we end up doing another event any time soon (like a table at the Farmer's Market one more time) I'll pick up some more to have as handouts.
- The African American Heritage map I was remembering is NOT a walking tour but here it is anyway FYI http://www.durham-nc.com/resources/pdf/tourmap_aah.pdf I think

Preservation Durham has a Civil Rights walking tour which may be what I was thinking of - would be nice to have a map for that.

- Old West Durham self guided walking tour around East Campus aka the John Schelp tour. I have a PDF of this on my computer already and it's pretty cool - definitely could fit into the "things to do with your visiting parents" category. <http://www.owdna.org/tour.htm>

- On the DCVB site is a broken link to a Watts Hosp/Hillandale walking tour...I looked around elsewhere and didn't find such a map but did find an on line version of a tour...would be nice to also find a map for this <http://www.whhna.org/tour.php>

Greenways/Hiking:

- Greenways and Trails map (have seen this handed out at events we've supported, maybe by DOST, very high level but gives directions trailheads at least) <http://www.durham-nc.com/resources/images/maps/trailheads.pdf>

- Eno River State Park map: <http://www.enoriver.org/enoparks/ERSP/East.html>

Walking-for-exercise maps - another category of maps we could perhaps gather. The Duke "walk to run club" has maps of walking/jogging routes around Duke - some are obvious (at least to me) but here they are anyway, along with an RTP jogging/pedestrian map.

- east campus walking trail map <http://hr.duke.edu/runwalk/East%20Map.pdf>

- west campus walking map - Al Buehler trail - <http://hr.duke.edu/runwalk/West%20Map.pdf>

(maps of this also exist on Duke Forest maps site along with the Forest road maps, BTW)

- medical center walking route map http://hr.duke.edu/runwalk/DRH_Map.pdf

- RTP jogging and pedestrian trails:

http://www.rtp.org/files/Fact%20Sheets/08_129_rtp_pedestrian_trails_2.pdf

Transit related:

The Visitors Bureau has all the DATA maps - I picked up a couple of copies of the System Map while I was there just to have on hand."