



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

October 19, 2004 ▪ 7:00 PM
Durham City Hall
Durham, NC 27701

Members Present: Aaron Cain, Diane Daniel, Jimmy Gamble, Tim Griffin, Judy Martell, Pete Schubert, Mike Wolosin
Members Absent: Excused absences: Phillip Barron, Heather Fisher, Bo Glenn, Paul Naylor
Staff Present: Alison Carpenter, Kathy Molin
Public Present: N/A

I. Call to Order

Chair Judy Martell called the meeting to order.

Acting Secretary was Mike Wolosin.

The commission requested that staff look into absentee policy and contact members with excessive absences for the year, based on such policy.

II. Approval of Minutes

The September minutes were approved with minor changes.

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: Announcements and Public Comment

Judy Martell added an Events Update under “Old Business,” in order to discuss the Car-Free Day and East Coast Greenway Tour events in September and early October.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

Ben Hitchings, Land Use Planner for Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), attended the meeting to speak about the Center of the Region (CORE) Bike and Pedestrian Planning project. This project focuses on bike and pedestrian routes in southern Durham County and northern Wake County, feeding into the Research Triangle Park. Ben gave some background on TJCOG (a regional, quasi-government planning organization) and the CORE project, and spoke about the upcoming final report which will be the end product of the year-long CORE study. Ben presented maps and corresponding “opportunities and barriers” tables, and asked the commission

for input. Members asked for a clearer definition of “opportunities” and “barriers” to be included in the final report. Pete Schubert and other members pointed out that several railroad crossings labeled on the map as “barriers” were more likely to be opportunities for improvement and/or non-problematic due to recent railroad crossing upgrades in southern Durham. Ben asked for these and other comments to be emailed to him by Nov 22.

During the conversation, the commission asked about several current sidewalk construction projects on Hwy 751, Cornwallis and Pickett (near 15-501 and Duke Forest). Judy Martell asked whether bike lanes are being included in the construction projects.

VI. Old Business

1. Events Update

- International Car-Free Day, a downtown celebration of alternative transportation, was held on September 22 from 7am-2pm. Alison Carpenter reported that over 100 participants “pledged” for the event at the booth, and over 1700 Triangle residents and workers participated throughout Durham & Orange counties.
- East Coast Greenway Event –The cross-country bike tour stopped in Durham on October 12-14, and Diane Daniel reported on several of their activities. A pizza dinner was held at Diane’s house for the tour group and members of BPAC. Attendance was good for the event. Also, the local Tarwheels Club hosted a potluck dinner at the Armory on October 13 for the tour group. Several BPAC members attended.

2. BPAC Website Update – Phillip Barron absent; no update.

3. Update on Duke University contacts – Mike Wolosin is continuing to work with a group of bike advocates on Duke’s campus, with the hope of establishing an officially recognized transportation subcommittee of the Duke Greening Initiative. The group is working on a set of recommendations to bring to BPAC and the City.

4. Bike Maintenance Class – Phillip Barron absent; no update.

VI. New Business:

1. Open Meetings Process – Judy Martell recently attended an Open Meetings Work Session for commission chairs and reported back to BPAC on the rules/regulations guiding City/County commissions. She passed out a handout about the open meetings law, and asked the commission to review the document and remember its contents when participating in email or listserv contact.

2. Public Forum Opportunities – Due to time limitations, the commission tabled this item.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.