



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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January 19, 2010 ■ 7:00 PM
Committee Room
Second Floor, City Hall

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb, Steve Saltzman, Linda Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Jack Warman.
- Members Absent:** Excused: Ken Kaye, Lars Trost
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel
- Liaisons Present:** Council member Mike Woodard
- Guests Present:** Jessalee Landfried, Charlotte Chapman, Officers Kirkman and Mitzman

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. Dale stated that the December meeting minutes have not been completed. Alan stated that the December minutes would be approved in February.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. Alan stated that the presentation on the Individualized Marketing Program would follow public comments.
4. Announcements. None.
5. Public Comment. None.
6. Individualized Marketing Program. Jessalee Landfried of Clean Energy Durham said the target area for the program is neighborhoods that circle downtown. The program seeks to reduce drive-alone trips and increase trips by transit, bicycle, walking, and carpooling by providing individualized information to interested residents. Jessalee is also interested in pursuing other events, including neighborhood events, a street closure “ciclovia,” transit fair, bike-walk to Bulls game. In order to succeed, she needs people who can help deliver packets, plan events, and provide assistance with bicycle repairs and safety training. Scott suggested that she make a presentation to the Inter-Neighborhood Council.
7. Development Committee Report. Dan Clever said the committee has met twice this month. Dan reported that he is the new committee chair. The committee has discussed bike lockers at Triangle Transit, bicycle parking to bring existing sites into greater conformity, and the

ATT site plan. Most of the committee's discussion has been on the proposed UDO amendments for bicycle parking.

8. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott reviewed the committee's report from its December 9 meeting (attached). Scott and Dan will serve on the bike map committee.
9. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg provided a report of the committee's activities (attached). Greg discussed a proposed resolution expressing concern about the lack of progress in building new sidewalks since the adoption of the pedestrian plan, and also requesting cost estimates and a prioritized, multi-year funding plan for sidewalks. Several ideas were discussed. Scott mentioned that the bike plan committee meets annually with Mark Ahrendsen. Toby noted that the committee is also discussing the crash map. Greg asked if it is typical for a sidewalk construction project to take 4-5 years from funding to completion. The committee decided to hold additional meetings to discuss next steps.
10. Communications Committee. Alan reviewed the committee's goals. Alan asked for guidance on recruiting new members from Duke and N.C. Central. Mike Woodard suggested he contact Phail Wynn at Duke and Starla Huggins at N.C. Central.
11. New Contacts at police Department. Mike Woodard noted that Jim Bjurstrom is the new Deputy Chief of Police and Loretta Clyburn is the new Captain in the Central District. Both would be good contacts for BPAC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Next meeting: February 16, 2010, 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).

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6:30–8:00pm., Sunset Grille

Facilitator/Note taker: Scott Carter

Attendees: Scott Carter, Dale McKeel, Dan Clever

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

Agenda Topics:

1. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT about bike facilities on W CH Rd, University Drive, and Main St.
 - No response yet on this letter sent from BPAC. Dale says he is working on the reply. He reported that Phil is working on a striping plan on CH Rd, Main St from 15th to Morgan, and for Fayetteville St Safe Routes to Schools project. Not looking at University Dr yet.
2. Use of Sharrows on selected road projects in 2010
 - The committee continued the discussion of sharrows on selected roads, including Blackwell / Corcoran / Foster, Broad, Erwin, 9th, etc. May want to propose a list to Mark/Phil or discuss with them if we have a meeting. Now approved in the MUTCD, so can use them as needed.
3. Durham Bike map
 - No change on the Greenways plan to review the Durham map with a small focus group of reviewers from Durham groups including BPAC, DOST, Bicycle Chain, and the Bike Co-op. Still not 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 approved by City Mgr last week. Target to print in March 2010.

Follow-up items:

 - Committee will participate in review cycle for Durham map when ready.
 - Dale will 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 Trail., Renaissance Pkwy crossing, and more bike racks. All project awards were approved and contracts were signed by 12/31/09. Implementation in 2010.
 - NCDOT initial stimulus list for resurfacing.
 - o N Duke St from Horton to I-85. DOT will use WOL on this project. No chg.
 - 2nd NCDOT resurfacing list for 2010. W CH Rd and University Drive, which will cost about \$1M. Will ask for road diet / bike lanes on W CH Rd and bike lanes on University. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT above covers these projects. Phil L has completed traffic analysis of W CH Road, will meet w DOT in Jan to review. Also includes Kent from W CH to Morehead. Phil also looking at University and Lakewood.
6. Road projects
 - Resurfacing of Duke St, Hillsborough Rd, and Miami Blvd underway. Will be striping WOLs on these roads. No update.
 - Anderson St. Waiting for stretch of warm weather to do the re-paving.
 - Main St. Bridge will go for bids in Nov09 with construction in 2010. Repaving target will be 2011. No chg.
 - Washington Street. In plan for sidewalks on west side in 2010 from stimulus list, and bike lane addition would be after that. Will need neighborhood meeting.
 - Funded road/bicycle projects:
 - o STP-DA (Surface Transportation Program – Direct Allocation) and CMAQ funding from feds was rescinded. “Funded” projects such as C-F, Morreene, Hillandale, Cornwallis had 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. – Phil now working on road diet and design.
 - o Morreene Rd. Municipal agreement was under review, needed approval from CC, but funding may be 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. On hold on restriping bike lanes until rest of Briggs is resurfaced. No chg.
- Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road bike/ped project. 25% plan done. 2 years to acquire right of way, target construction in 2011-12. New target for public meeting is early 2010.

7. Trail bike projects

- ATT Phase F. Chatham County trail work (4.5mi) nearly complete. Grand opening spring 2010.
- ATT Phase E bridge. Site plan second round of comments due before end of Jan. Working on MTC buffer and tree inventory. 6-month delay due to permit issues: Need City Council to approve special use permit. Need environmental exclusion. Need state approvals on bridge. Need to acquire ROW near hhGregg. Target bids to go out June, expect bridge and trail to be in same contract.
- 3rd Fork Creek. New city project manager. Phase 1: CMAR (Skanska). 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.

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

Adjourned around 8:00pm. Next meeting is Feb 10 (2nd Wednesday of month) at Sunset Grill at Sutton Station at 6:30pm.

2010 Bike Plan Implementation Committee Goals

Goal	Initiative
Raise awareness and provide info of bike facilities Durham	Complete Bike Map in 2010
Recognize Durham's progress in supporting biking in NC and identify deficiencies	Submit application for Bike Friendly City designation
Promote and provide input to high-profile projects	Monitor Stimulus fund and other key projects in 2010, including ATT – Phase E, 3 rd Fork Creek, Main St, CH Road, etc.
Drive Bike Plan implementation	Identify, prioritize, and promote additional Phase 1 projects, with focus on inexpensive restriping and sharrow opportunities.
Report progress	Create progress report for what has been accomplished from 2006-2009.

The Pedestrian Committee met on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Merry Rabb, Greg Garneau, Erik Landfried, Toby Berla and Dale McKeel attended.

Progress against 2009 BPAC goals (to be reported at the annual Retreat) was on the agenda. The December, 2009 Pedestrian Committee report will serve as our outline.

Goal: Pedestrian Plan Implementation Progress Report

A system of Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Plan Maps showing progress was developed. Their publication and announcement was pending until the BPAC retreat on January 16, 2010.

Progress on the new Durham Freeway - NC 147 Pedestrian Bridge was reported. This project and the new ATT - Interstate 40 Bridge project highlighted the advantages of connecting Durham's recreational (and commuting) trails. The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission has stated that connections between the various trail networks will work to the advantage of all Durham constituencies.

Goal: Review Priorities of Adopted Plan

The Pedestrian Crashes map did not overlap completely with the list of prioritized intersections scheduled for upgrade in the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan.

The Pedestrian Committee will review the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan to further condense it and to (possibly) re-prioritize some of the Plan's stated goals in light of the current situation (three years after the Plan's original publication). Various trail and recreational connections are of great interest. Mapping potential connections may be useful.

Goal: Increase Participation in Pedestrian Issues/Diversity of BPAC Constituencies

Toby Berla will begin the process of engaging neighborhood associations to further the Committee's goal of building a city-wide constituency for the Pedestrian Plan. At least three of the Pedestrian Committee members have joined Durham - Orange Friends of Transit.

Goal: Police Enforcement Needs

A five year Federal grant has been awarded to the UNC - Highway Safety Research Center with the goal of increasing pedestrian safety in three North Carolina cities. Durham is one of the three cities selected. The grant will focus on pedestrian safety education and local traffic enforcement.

Suggested Resolution for the BPAC Retreat

Dale McKeel submitted a draft of a report on implementation of the Pedestrian Plan (thus far) to be submitted to the City Council. Various issues were discussed. In light of the fact that only one "Priority A" sidewalk segment and four "Priority B and C" sidewalk segments have been completed in the three years since the Plan was adopted, the Committee thinks it appropriate to bring the matter to the attention of the City Manager. Furthermore, the Pedestrian Committee believes there is a need for the City officially to (1) determine if this construction tempo is usual and acceptable compared to similar municipalities and (2) if it is not acceptable, apply at once all available resources to identify and remove any bottlenecks and (3) to proceed with construction as soon as possible -- to the full extent of all available funding (from any existing or potential sources).

Another resolution: that all remaining construction and repair elements of the Pedestrian Plan receive cost estimates and subsequently a prioritized, multi-year funding plan be developed and adopted as soon as possible.

we adjourned with the request that the Pedestrian Committee members bring their potential objectives for 2010 for discussion at the Retreat. Question -- food for thought: Do we need common/adopted policy positions that BPAC members can take if we comment publicly as a member of the Commission (and not as an individual, private citizen)?