

MINUTES

June 15, 2010 Meeting

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Steve Saltzman, Linda Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Jack Warman
- Members Absent:** Excused: Scott Carter, Merry Rabb, Lars Trost.
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel
- Liaisons Present:** Mike Woodard
- Guests Present:** Amanda Mansfield, Jonathon Leach, Brian Williams, Durham Police Officer (not identified)

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. It was requested that the May minutes be changed to reflect that Erik voted against the motion to change the BPAC letter on the East End Connector to state that BPAC supports the bicycle and pedestrian-related elements of the mitigation measures. Jim moved that the minutes from the April and May meetings be approved, with the requested change to the May minutes. Toby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. Steve requested that Triangle Commuter Bike Initiative (Joe Davis) be moved to the beginning of the agenda after public comment.
4. Announcements. None.
5. Introductions. Everyone present introduced themselves. Brian Williams and Jonathon Leach said they had been recommended as the representatives to BPAC from Duke and NC Central, respectively.
6. Joe Davis, Triangle Bike Path Initiative. Joe Davis thanked BPAC for its work. He said his vision is to connect the trails in the Triangle. He contacted NCDOT early in the year about adding 5-foot shoulders to portions of Barbee Chapel, Farrington, and Statgecoach roads (in some places the shoulder may be less than 5 feet). An interactive map is being prepared to show the route. He said the DWM Foundation is raising \$2.5 million for this work. Toby thanked Joe and expressed concern about debris in the shoulder. Ken suggested the need to educate cyclists and offered to

help with this. Steve suggested a ride to launch the path and to educate cyclists, and that BPAC should partner with the Chapel Hill Bike-Ped group on such an event. Toby mentioned that the Durham bike and hike map is nearly complete. Jack suggested that the shoulders not be striped as bike lanes. Jim said that there is currently a study underway of the NC 54 / I-40 corridor. Joe said NCDOT has been a great help and the most amazing organization that he has ever worked with. Joe requested a resolution of support from BPAC. He requested the name of government contacts in other cities. He is targeting a completion date of October 1 and is looking at the next sections to connect. Members of BPAC thanked Joe for attending the meeting and for his vision and work.

7. Development Review Committee Report. Dan discussed the status of the UDO Text amendment for bicycle parking. The amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on May 11. The Planning Commssion suggested that language be added to reduce the amount of bicycle parking to mirror requests to reduce motor vehicle parking. The Development Review Committee has proposed language on bicycle parking reductions.

Jim said that Duke University has submitted site plans for the Chiller Plant and Keohane Residence Hall, and that sidewalks have been removed from both plans. Linda discussed the presentations made by Duke at recent DRB meetings. The Development Review Committee is closely monitoring these cases and the implementation of the approved Duke Pedestrian Plan.

8. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Dan discussed the committee's written report (attached).
9. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg reviewed the committee's written report (attached).
10. Communications Committee. Ken reviewed the committee's written report (attached).
11. ATT Phase E. Dan Clever provided an update on ATT Phase E. He said additional funding for Phase E was approved by the City Council.
12. Durham Bike Map. Dale reported that the map is currently being printed.
13. Bicycle Friendly Community Application. Dale said the application deadline is July 16. He continues to work on the application and has received help from several BPAC members.
14. NC Central Bike Event. Jonathon Leach discussed the event to be held on June 16 from 4 to 6 and invited BPAC members to attend.

15. NC 54 – I-40 Corridor Study. Dale reported that Leta Hunsinger or Felix Nwoko would attend the September BPAC meeting to present the study recommendations. BPAC will have an opportunity to comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting: July 20, 2010

Minutes submitted by: Dale McKeel

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 5:30–7:00pm., City Hall

Facilitator/Note taker: Scott Carter

Attendees: Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Dale McKeel, Amanda Mansfield, Phil Loziuk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Scott.

Agenda Topics:

The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the status of this season's bike lane, edgeline striping, and sharrows projects with City Engineer Phil Loziuk.

1. Striping projects on NCDOT streets
 - a. Chapel Hill St from Great Jones to Kent, and
 - b. University/Lakewood from Roxboro to Enterprise/Vickers.
These two projects are planned for resurfacing in July. They will have a combination of bike lanes and sharrows. Notification and approvals have been cleared with 2 affected churches
 - c. Main St from Morris to 15th/Anderson. The Main St bridge project will start construction in 2011. Still want to coordinate this project with repaving of Main St, but this is not a sure bet. Might be possible to mill the old surface and go ahead with road diet until repaving.
 - d. Fayetteville St from Nelson to Pilot. In plan for this season. Coordinate with Safe Routes to School sidewalk and culvert.
2. Striping projects on City streets
 - a. Washington St. Dale will set up meetings with residents this summer. Not going to wait for sidewalk project. Will use sharrows on the one block with on-street parking.
 - b. Pettigrew from Driver to Ellis. Just resurfaced. Lots of businesses on this route. Plan to stripe edge lines but not formal bike lanes.
 - c. Briggs from Lawson to Riddle. Will connect ATT to Durham Tech. In plan for this year.
 - d. Anderson from Morehead/Cranford to Duke Univ Rd. Plan to add bike lanes on both sides, but will need to notify residents by letter or meeting that seldom-used on-street parking will be removed. In plan for 2010.
3. Suggestions for use of Sharrows on other projects
 - a. Duke Univ Rd from Swift to Kent. Phil said he would consider this. Good use of sharrows for short connection to bike lanes on either end.
 - b. North-South bike connector along Blackwell / Corcoran / Foster. Phil said this is probably a better candidate for some type of MUTCD signage instead of pavement markings. We discussed the awkward crossing of Morehead and Blackwell from the ATT and how sharrows might help facilitate a safe crossing. Phil is open to more detailed suggestions for this route, can discuss at next committee meeting.
4. Other Discussion with Phil
 - a. Fayetteville – Riddle Road intersection straightening. On track to start Jan 2011. Will have bike lanes on both Fayetteville and Riddle Roads.
 - b. Revere road bike lanes. Need to be repainted due to repaving of some sections or wear.
 - c. Use of new “hawk” signal for pedestrian crossings.
 - d. Industry shortage of thermoplastic. May affect ability to do all planned striping.
 - e. Wilmington's Ann Street Bike Boulevard. Dale visited and saw this 1mi project and map.
5. Durham Bike Map

- Reviewed 99%-complete draft. Greenways making a few finishing touches. Dale talked to printers in Greensboro and Charlotte that can print these maps. Cost will be about \$1.50 each for first 2500. Dale will work on bid package.

6. Road projects

- Resurfacing of Duke St, Hillsborough Rd, and Miami Blvd underway. Will be striping WOLs on these roads. No update.
- Other road/bicycle projects to monitor: Morreene Rd, Carpenter-Fletcher Rd, Cornwallis Rd.
- Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road bike/ped project. 25% plan done. 2 years to acquire right of way, target construction in 2011-12. Target for public meeting is early 2010 (?)

7. Trail bike projects

- ATT Phase F. Chatham County trail work (4.5mi). Grand opening held June 5.
- ATT Phase E bridge. Making progress with getting approvals by city, state, and others, and ROW acquisition. Target bids to go out by end of summer, bridge and trail to be in same contract.
- ATT, Riddle Rd spur, Murray St trail resurfacing. In plan for 2010.
- 3rd Fork Creek. Don Stewart, city proj mgr. Phase 1 (middle section): Skanska. Construction underway, much of grading and paving is done, working on bridges. Will open phases as completed. Most will be complete by end of 2010. Phase 2 (end sections): Construction starting after holdup due to environmental hurdle that was just cleared.
- NC 147 pedestrian bridge and connect to Rocky Crk Trl. No update.

Adjourned around 7:00pm. Next meeting is July 14 (2nd Wednesday of month) at Sunset Grill at Sutton Station at 6:30pm.

McKeel, Dale

From: durhambpac@googlegroups.com on behalf of Greg Garneau [greg.garneau@gmail.com]
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Pedestrian Committee Report

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

June 1, 2010

Attending: Merry Rabb, Dale McKeel, Erik Landfried, Amanda Mansfield, Greg Garneau, and Dan Clever

The news item in Bull City Rising which detailed estimated increases in construction and related costs for the American Tobacco Trail Bridge over I-40 was discussed. The City proposes to use money approved by voters for sidewalk construction and repair in the 2007 Construction Bond Referendum. The following facts were outlined during the discussion and subsequent research. A similarly worded reply to the news article on Bull City Rising was posted the following day.

In 2007 the City of Durham proposed to voters this plan [verbatim] for the construction money if the Bond was approved:

- The City is undertaking a referendum for a new \$20 million street and sidewalk bond.
- \$15 million would pave about 100 miles of streets; most of these streets are rated “very poor” or “poor.”
- \$2 million would pave more than 1 mile of dirt streets.
- \$3 million would fix more than 3 miles of sidewalks.
- The City would maintain its best-in-country credit rating and get low interest rates.
- Growth may fund part or all of repayments; if not, the maximum property tax increase, at 1 cent per \$100 of value, would be less than \$15 per year for a \$150,000 home.
- This is the only City bond referendum on this year’s ballot.

And the wording on the November 2007 ballot is here reproduced:

SHALL the order authorizing
\$20,000,000 of bonds secured by
the pledge of the full faith and
credit of the City of Durham, North
Carolina to pay the costs of
constructing, enlarging, extending
and improving certain of the City's
streets and sidewalks, and a tax
to be levied for the payment therefore
be approved?

The voters overwhelmingly approved the Construction Bond:

YES 23,698 73.93
NO 8,357 26.07
Total Votes Cast 32,055

Further to the subject:

- The City has no regular, annual budget for new construction of sidewalks -- there is however an ongoing budget for sidewalk repair.
- NCDOT would not allow any pedestrian or cycling pathways on the Fayetteville Road Overpass/I-40 Bridge at Southpoint Mall.
- New sidewalk construction is \$65 per linear foot -- so this reallocation is equivalent to about two miles of new sidewalk.
- Because the City's sidewalk construction schedule (Third Round) does not indicate specific projects -- it is not possible to see which planned sidewalk projects will be postponed.
- The Durham Freeway/Hwy 147 pedestrian and cycling bridge cost \$600,000 less than estimated and about a third of that savings is City money (which it can be argued) should be used to offset the increases in estimated costs for the I-40 Bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM, so an ongoing discussion focused on the application to NCDOT for Spot Safety Improvement Funds has been continued over into our next session. It was thought that the selection process for intersections (on State Maintained Roads) might be facilitated if a sample list was generated initially to be discussed, edited and improved by the Pedestrian Committee. The Pedestrian Committee then will submit the list to the full Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for discussion, editing and possible approval. A sample list compiled from the 2004 -2009 Pedestrian Crashes Map data is attached below. (Note: Because NCDOT is slated to widen Alston Ave. north of the Durham Freeway -- certain intersections will be altered/improved as part of this process and might be eliminated from this list.)

Likewise a sample list of pedestrian corridors (on State Maintained Roads) that might benefit from a reduction in the posted motorist speed limits is listed here:

- Erwin Road between Cameron Boulevard and Ninth Street/West Main Street
- Holloway Street (Hwy 98) between Roxboro Street and Junction Road
- Alston Avenue (Hwy 55) between Club Boulevard and Dakota Street
- Fayetteville Street/Road between the Durham Freeway (Hwy 147) and Cornwallis Road

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Sample list of Intersections compiled from the 2004 -2009 Pedestrian Crashes Map data

Intersections			Crashes	Fatalities	Injuries
FAYETTEVILLE_ST.PILOT_ST	FAYETTEVILLE ST	PILOT ST	7	0	6
ALSTON_AVE.E_MAIN_ST**	ALSTON AVE	E MAIN ST	6	0	5
ALSTON_AVE.LINWOOD_AVE	ALSTON AVE	LINWOOD AVE	6	0	6
ERWIN_RD.DOUGLAS_ST	ERWIN RD	DOUGLAS ST	5	0	5
ERWIN_RD.S_LASALLE_ST**	ERWIN RD	S LASALLE ST	5	1	4
DURHAM_CHAPEL_HILL_BLVD.GARRETT_RD	DURHAM CHAPEL HILL BLVD	GARRETT RD	5	0	5
E_CLUB_BLVD.N_ROXBORO_RD	E CLUB BLVD	N ROXBORO RD	5	0	5
BROAD_ST.W_MARKHAM_AVE	BROAD ST	W MARKHAM AVE	4	1	2
HORTON_RD.ROXBORO_RD	HORTON RD	ROXBORO RD	4	0	3
NC_54.NC_55	NC 54	NC 55	4	0	4
HOLLOWAY_ST.LYNN_RD	HOLLOWAY ST	LYNN RD	3	0	4
AVONDALE_DR.E_TRINITY_AVE	AVONDALE DR	E TRINITY AVE	3	0	3
HOLLOWAY_ST.RAYNOR_ST	HOLLOWAY ST	RAYNOR ST	3	0	3
AVONDALE_DR.ROXBORO_ST	AVONDALE DR	ROXBORO ST	3	0	3
E_CORNWALLIS_RD.FAYETTEVILLE_RD	E CORNWALLIS RD	FAYETTEVILLE RD	2	0	2
EAST_END_AVE.US_70	EAST END AVE	US 70	2	0	2
FAYETTEVILLE_RD.COOK_RD	FAYETTEVILLE RD	COOK RD	2	0	5
US_70.LYNN_RD	US 70	LYNN RD	2	0	2
NC_157.HORTON_RD	NC 157	HORTON RD	2	1	1
RAYNOR_ST.N_MIAMI_BLVD	RAYNOR ST	N MIAMI BLVD	2	0	10
		2004 – 2009 (Six years) Totals	75	3	80
	All Locations	2004 – 2009 (Six years) Totals	529	23	471
** Intersections Listed by NCDOT			14.18%	13.04%	16.99%
	2005 National Safety Council Estimated	cost per incident ==>		\$3,840,000	\$52,900
		Six year cost		\$11,520,000	\$4,232,000
Additional Intersections Listed by NCDOT:					
N_ALSTON_AVE.LIBERTY_ST	N ALSTON AVE	LIBERTY ST	3	0	3
BROAD_ST.PERRY_ST	BROAD ST	PERRY ST	6	0	3

Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Communications Committee (CommComm) meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2010, 7:00 pm at Alivia's downtown

Attending

Absent

Ken Kaye

Jessica Landfried

Alan Dippy

Merry Rabb

Dale McKeel

Steve Saltzman

1. New committee member

Amanda Mansfield wishes to attend committee meetings starting in July. Happy to have her aboard.

2. Festival for the Eno, July 4th weekend

Dan Clever created a sign up sheet for BPAC. Once again we will partner with Durham DOST to meet and greet the public. Our hope is that all BPAC commission members in town that weekend will sign up for at least one shift.

3. Use of gift certificate/artwork/Carolina Theater raffles

We have the following items: a \$75 gift certificate for food/beverage at Alivia's, left over from BTWW event; artwork donated by Eugene Brown to be auctioned off for BPAC's benefit; four pairs of tickets to the Carolina Theater cinema.

We will use these items during remaining 2010 events, including Eno Festival, Bull Moon Ride (July), Centerfest, Farmer's Market, other events to be determined.

4. Guest Speaker – Joe Davis, Triangle Bike Paths Initiative

Steve has asked Joe Davis of Chapel Hill to speak to our group at our June meeting. Mr. Davis and some partners have created a private fund to pay for bike lanes from downtown Chapel Hill out to the existing Meadowmont path and then to the American Tobacco Trail in Durham (and possibly further west to link RTP and Raleigh). It's an extraordinary initiative and we'll hear more about this potential "game changer" at BPAC's June session.

5. Farmer's Market displays

We have opportunities to display during the summer season. CommComm (Ken) will distribute a signup list to see who's available on which weekend between now and end of September. Default display time is 8:00-11:00am on Saturdays.

6. BTWW Review

The evening event at Alivia's was lively and well attended; the breakfast the following morning less so. Drizzly weather didn't help Thursday morning but we need to consider a switch back to Mad Hatter for the breakfast event in order to gain more visibility.

A BPAC task force is needed to review Durham's BTWW efforts, in conjunction with TT staff, who hold most all of the available funding for these events. A review that starts now, looking at national best practices, could go a long way toward revitalizing and expanding our reach into the community for 2011, especially with the completion of the ATT on the way (plus the Chapel Hill private initiative). Ken will reach out to Stephanie Minker and other TT staff to begin this review.