

MINUTES

October 19, 2010 Meeting

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Wendy Jacobs, Ken Kaye, Jonathan Leach, Merry Rabb, Lars Trost
- Members Absent:** Erik Landfried, Dwayne Taylor
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel
- Liaisons Present:** None
- Guests Present:** None

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. The September meeting minutes were not available.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. None.
4. Announcements. Alan welcomed Wendy Jacobs to BPAC as the new representative from the Planning Commission.
5. Public Comment. None.
6. Development Review Committee Report. Dan reported that committee discussed the following at its October meeting: (1) Comments on NC 54 Corridor Study, (2) specific questions about trail location and on-road bike facilities associated with the rezoning for the Fayetteville Road Commercial Development near Southpoint, and (3) proposed Club Boulevard curb extensions.
7. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg said that at the October meeting the committee discussed the NC 54 Corridor Study.
8. Communications Committee. Ken Kaye discussed the committee's report (attached). He also said that Robin is working on Summer Streets events for 2011 and that BPAC has committed to providing valet bicycle parking at Earth Day 2011. Jim said that NCDOT is a potential sponsor for the Bike to the Bulls event. In addition to the Bikes Belong Grant, the Carolina Tarwheels also has some available funding.

9. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott Carter reported that the committee had two meetings in October. On Oct 4 the committee met with Phil Loziuk to discuss (1) signage for connecting ATT to North-South Greenway through downtown, and (2) providing a diagonal signalized crossing for bicyclists at the ATT-Blackwell-Morehead intersection. Phil is moving forward on # 1 and # 2 needs more study and justification.

At its October 13 meeting, the committee discussed: (1) Comments on NC 54 Corridor Study, (2) proposed Club Boulevard curb extensions, (3) on-going projects, (4) gates vs. bollards at some street intersections on ATT Phase E. Dan Clever discussed a letter drafted by the committee. On a motion by Dan and second by Ken, the BPAC unanimously voted to authorize Dan to send a letter to the city Engineering staff requesting the use of bollards rather than gates on Phase E. Scott also said the Third Fork Creek Trail is complete from MLK Parkway to Woodcroft Parkway.

10. ATT Phase E Update. Dan Clever reported that the city staff is receiving review comments on the bridge and trail construction drawings.
11. NC 54 Corridor Study. Dan reviewed the draft letter and said it incorporated comments from the bicycle plan, pedestrian plan, and development review committees. There were suggested changes to the letter. On a motion by Dan and second by Jim, the letter was unanimously approved with the suggested changes. Wendy Jacobs shared some of the concerns of the Planning Commission with the study, and there was a brief discussion about this and other planning efforts in the NC 54 corridor.
12. Draft FY 2012-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program. Dale reported that the Draft STIP was released in August. He will get more information to BPAC.
13. Public Education on Sharrows. With the advent of shared lane markings in Durham, it was agreed that some public education is needed. No progress this month.
14. Club Boulevard Curb Extensions. Lars shared a draft comment letter on the proposed neckdowns / chokers on Club Boulevard. He discussed the items in the letter, and said the letter also includes a range of other options for consideration. Lars said he had met with Josh Allen, chair of the neighborhood association, and spoken with Seth Vidal, a cyclist and resident of the neighborhood. Jim Dunlop discussed his reasons for not supporting the letter. Scott noted that the bike plan calls for bike lanes on Club Blvd, and Ken said that Club is an important connection that will become more important as improvements are made to Hillandale Road. Lars moved to approve and send the letter, and Toby seconded. The motion passed 10-1 (Dunlop voting no). Dunlop said he would support placing the curb extensions on one side of the street with bike lanes on both sides.
15. Constituency Assignments. There was consensus agreement on the constituency assignments as presented.

16. Meeting with Other Triangle Region Bike-Ped Commissions. Dale said that there has been discussion about such a meeting in January or February. He will send out a Doodle poll to solicit interest and availability on proposed dates.

17. Staff Report / Questions. Dale reported that the City has purchased 8 portable bike racks and 90 new bike racks for installation. Wendy asked (1) whether the Old Durham-Chapel Hill Rd plans could be shared with the New Hope Creek Corridor Advisory Committee (Dale said yes); (2) whether the breakdown lane on the newly widened section of US 15-501 (Garrett to Mt Moriah) was intended for bikes (Jim said yes); and (3) whether the street repaving bond would help further the bike plan (Dale said yes).

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Next meeting: November 16, 2010

Minutes submitted by: Dale McKeel

Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Communications Committee (CommComm) meeting

Wednesday October 13, 2010 7:00 pm at Alivia's downtown

Attending

Ken Kaye Jack Warman

Alan Dippy

Merry Rabb

Robin Michler

1. CommComm looking forward to 2011

Ken asked if Merry might take over as committee chair next year and Merry said something that we all interpreted as "yes."

Ken will stay very active with CommComm, concentrating on education and outreach.

Jack said he would help work on getting guest speakers, ie, Tom Bonfield.

We could use more folks helping with CommComm, with Steve now gone.

2. Clean Energy Durham activities:

There was Watts-Hillandale neighborhood event at Oval Park this past Sunday October 17. Seth Vidal bought a bike stand for repairs and Robin set up a fix-a-flat workshop with free patch kits and some free tire levers too. Ken stopped by with his bike and helped with minor bike repairs.

Robin has a meeting coming up with some of the key volunteers from last summer's Summer Streets event, and they plan to meet with the City Manager. They want the city to foot part of the bill for next year's Summer Streets (last year Clean Energy Durham funded it fully).

3. Upcoming events.

Cross Triangle Greenway ride is this coming Friday October 22, organized by the East Coast Greenway Alliance. Ken is going to ride and has been suggesting it to others. The ride ends at the ATC where there will be an after-ride event. All BPAC members are encouraged to attend the after ride festivities, which will include a speech by the current NC Transportation Secretary Gene Conti.

<http://www.crosstrianglegreenway.org/ride-details/>

Dale sent out a note that the **Earth Day 2011** folks want to know if we'll do Bike Valet again and we agreed we should do it.

2011 Bike to the Bulls event (tentative)

Alan, Ken and Dale met with the Public Relations Director for the Durham Bulls, about the "Bike to the Bulls" idea. He said it was unlikely we'd be able to do this as a sponsorship (a full corporate sponsorship costs \$6000) but maybe an event with some support from the Bulls (some kind of discount or giveaway for participants). He was not enthusiastic about the idea of providing bike parking inside the gates. It was suggested we try this out for one of the day games this spring, one of which happens to be during BTWW. We discussed the pros and cons of a weekday game event, the idea being one of the Sunday 5pm games would draw a bigger crowd. Apparently all of the weekend games already have sponsors

and/or events associated with them. Robin asked that we let him know as soon as we have a date as he might be able to organize a group from one of his target neighborhoods to participate.

This was a good first step; CommComm will continue to pursue this project.

Bike movie night.

This is something we have discussed doing but have never settled on a venue. The Farmer's Market pavilion was suggested as one possible location. TTA may be a resource for us on this one.

Bikes Belong grants

The deadline for the last round of applications is November 26. There was some question as to whether we are eligible. Dale has already replied to Alan's post-meeting inquiry saying that we could apply under the "local public agency" category with maybe the Transportation Department as the official applicant. Merry said she could work on the proposal in November if we can come up with a good idea.

So... any good ideas out there...?...