

## MINUTES

March 15, 2011 Meeting

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**Members Present:** Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Lou Goetz, Wendy Jacobs, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Jonathan Leach, Steven Lee, Merry Rabb

**Members Absent:** Jade Brooks, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost

**Staff Present:** Dale McKeel

**Liaisons Present:**

**Guests Present:** Randy Lawrence, Adrian Fletcher, Jack Warman, Purity Kimaiyo

### I. Introductions

### II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from January 18 meeting  
January: *Eric moved, Dan seconded to approve minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Minutes from February 15 meeting  
February: Steven pointed out that his name was spelled incorrectly. *Dan moved, Greg seconded to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.*

### III. Adjustments to the Agenda

- Add discussion about Alston Avenue project.

### IV. Announcements

- Announcements were provided at the end of the meeting.

### IV. Public Comment

- Adrian Fletcher introduced himself. He indicated that he is trying to open a new bike shop, looking to solidify a location. He would like to work with the Commission on Bike to Work Week, as well as any other common issues.

### V. Committee Reports

#### Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

- Met Thursday 3/10.
- Discussed UDO amendments. First wave done last year, additional items involving Transportation were more involved, and will need more discussion.

- Concerns about DRB, and late submittals by applicants being rushed through the committee. Linda and Dan will meet with staff to discuss issues.

#### **Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report (Scott Carter and Greg Garneau)**

- Normally meet at Sunset Grill second Wednesday, however met at DCHC TAC public meeting to discuss STIP projects.
- Speakers at the DCHC meeting discussed various bicycle projects
- Talked about road resurfacing projects by NCDOT, and opportunities for road diets or other adjustments to pavement markings.
- Discussed need for bicyclists on trails to announce their presence to pedestrians when passing.
- Talked about downtown trail signage.
- Dan and Scott attended Coffee with Council, and raised bike/ped issues, including the need for full time staff

#### **Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report (Greg Garneau)**

- Minutes to be distributed electronically after meeting.
- Staff presented draft of Durham Walks program report to council, including answering numerous questions posed by council.
- Working on gathering data to prioritize future sidewalk projects, including transit boarding data to help determine pedestrian activity. Plan will need information on changes in land use.
- Working on tracking new sidewalks, including new information on how much has been constructed by private developers. It was noted that with current funding, it would take the City about 45 years to construct all sidewalk projects in the plan.

#### **Communications Committee Report (Merry Rabb)**

- Merry distributed printed minutes.
- Working on Bike Month
- Details remained to be confirmed regarding event at American Tobacco campus on May 4
- Also, work to be done on the Sunset Grill event with staging the REI tent.
- Signs and fund raising needs to be done. Mad Hatter will provide food at their event.
- Bike to the Bulls event not likely to happen during May, however will gauge interest in the idea for later in the season.
- Bike Valet planned for Earth Day. Adrian Fletcher mentioned that his group was looking to do a secure bike valet for the same event, and offered to coordinate with BPAC's plans.
- Merry will post the event list on the web site.

#### **V. Updates from Liaisons**

##### **NCCU – Jonathan Leach**

No new items for this month.

### **Duke – Steven Lee**

- Steven and Alan mentioned that Brian Williams has created a group on alternative transportation issues on campus.
- Every month, Duke will be sending out two minute video about alternative transportation, at <http://parking.duke.edu/index.php>
- Police department is offering a service to engrave bicycles.
- Guide for apartment complexes is available that are best for walking and transit to campus
- League of American Bicyclists rated best campuses, Duke received honorable mention

### **DOST – Lars Trost**

- Updating master trails plan tomorrow. Planning Department must review it, and then public comment period will follow.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **ATT Phase E Update (Dan Clever)**

- Still waiting Department of Water Quality approval.
- Will need environmental permit, and then NCDOT final approval before letting
- Dale asked about decision about gates or bollards, Dan will check on status of decision.

### **Public Education on Sharrows (Dale McKeel / Alan Dippy)**

- No new activity this month.

### **Google Maps Bike Data (Toby Berla / Dale McKeel)**

- No new activity this month.

### **Club Boulevard Curb Extensions (Dale McKeel)**

- No final decision has been made.

### **Orientation for New Members (Dale McKeel)**

- Still trying to schedule.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **Annual Report for 2011 (Dale McKeel)**

- Dale working on report, however it is not ready for final review. Most information has already been shared with the Commission at other meetings. Dale will send out draft via e-mail for review by committee; however the scheduled presentation to Council will be before the next BPAC meeting. Scott will do final review, and make presentation to Council.

### **Designing Better Bus Service in Durham (Erik Landfried)**

- Eric distributed a survey, also available at [data.gotriangle.org](http://data.gotriangle.org), entitled Designing Better Bus Service in Durham. Comments from public will be reviewed, and recommendations on changes to service will be made in early 2012.

### **Partnership for a Healthy Durham / Community Health Assessment Team (Dale McKeel)**

- Dale was contacted by Dale Harris, head of Durham Public Health Department. Ms. Harris was seeking a volunteer to sit on health assessment team to represent transportation issues. City staff was not available to commit, Dale thought somebody on BPAC might work.

### **Alston Avenue Widening Project**

- Council was requested by NCDOT to make a decision on moving forward with the project as currently designed, or dropping the project.
- Council and Staff recommended an alternative: building the ultimate cross-section, however marking the outside lanes in each direction for parking and bike lanes until such time as capacity needs warrant using them as travel lanes.
- NCDOT has delayed a response until updated traffic forecast numbers are available.
- BPAC submitted a letter on this project to Council in May 2008.
- No action was taken at this time.

### **VIII. Staff Report / Questions / Announcements**

- Eric mentioned the downtown open space plan, and a survey on the city's web page, and comments are being solicited.
- Dan e-mailed a notice from DCHC MPO regarding new public drop-in sessions for the NC 54 corridor. The Durham meeting will be at City Hall on March 29<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting in Chapel Hill, at the library, will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Jack is hosting a one day/night bicycle camping trip at Jordan Lake on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet and ride down the ATT at about 1PM.
- Dale mentioned that Durham is likely to host the "Tour de Fat", a bicycle event sponsored by Fat Tire beer. The web site is not updated for 2011; however information on the 2010 events is online.
- On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Inter-Neighborhood Council will hold a transportation forum.
- Dale asked the DT8 cable channel if they could produce a bicycle video. They can, but would appreciate input from the Communications Committee.
- The Whole Foods site revisions will come up for review by DRB, so the Development Review committee will be able to comment on bicycle parking issues. The owners are aware of the problems and will address them during the site submittal process.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

*Ken moved and Dan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously* and meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM.