

MINUTES

July 19, 2011 Meeting

Members Present: Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Jonathan Leach, Merry Rabb, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost

Members Absent: Toby Berla, Greg Garneau, Lou Goetz, Steven Lee

Staff Present: Dale McKeel

Liaison Present:

Guests Present: Brian Williams

A. Introductions

B. Approval of Minutes

- ◆ Minutes from June 21, 2011 meeting:
- ◆ Alan pointed out that under announcements, city appointees' terms end in August; only the county terms end in June.
With that change, Eric moved and Lars seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Adjustments to the Agenda

- ◆ No adjustments to the agenda. Brian Williams from Duke asked to make a presentation, which is included under Public Comment.

D. Announcements

Dale announced awards from the Smart Commute Challenge 2011 Golden Modes Award. The City of Durham received commuting honors for its efforts to promote alternative transportation among its employees, which includes free transit service on DATA and the Bull City Connector, bike racks, compressed work week and teleworking. Two Durham residents with BPAC connections also received the Golden Spokes Award as champions of bicycle commuting and leaders in the cycling community. Scott Carter, chair of the Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC), averages more than 4000 bike miles per year riding from his home in southern Durham to IBM. Jack Warman, a former member of BPAC, commutes daily from Durham to Morrisville and is involved in several efforts to strengthen the bicycle community in Durham, such as writing for the www.bikewalkdurham.org website. Duke University and Health System (led by TDM Coordinator Brian Williams) was recognized as a Commuter Champion, awarded to organizations or employers that offer top-tier commuter benefits and/or facilities for their employees. Duke made a commitment to provide exemplary commuter benefits, and over the last year, they have made progress in growing their TDM and commuter benefits program by adding or enhancing several components.

E. Public Comment

- ◆ Brian Williams from Duke University provided information on bicycle modifications on the Duke Campus. His group has been working on this plan for the past months, and the proposed plan is ready to go to the University Architect's office.
- ◆ Brian has had all drainage grates either replaced or marked on campus.
- ◆ Starting with East Campus, first change is that bicyclists would use full lane under Main St., railroad and Pettigrew, because the width is not sufficient enough to provide a separate bicycle lane. The Commission suggested alternate locations for signage.
- ◆ Along Campus Drive, bicycles heading towards West Campus will continue to use the concrete sidewalk, with the sidewalk split with 4' for the bicycle lane, and 4' for the pedestrian area. The lane would need to transition back to the road surface at Swift Ave. to make that crossing safer, and then would move back to the concrete sidewalk. At Oregon, the westbound bike lane will return to the road surface. Grade differences between the road surface and the concrete sidewalk will be fixed.

F. Committee Reports

1. Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

First Thursday, 6:30 pm, Sunset Grill

- ◆ No meeting was held in July.

2. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report (Greg Garneau)

Second Thursday 6:30 pm, Sunset Grill

- ◆ No meeting was held in July.
- ◆ Dale mentioned that the road resurfacing money for Main St. will be added to the bridge replacement project, so that all of the work could be done at the same time.
- ◆ Dale reviewed the plans for the Angier Streetscape project.

3. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report (Erik Landfried)

First Tuesday of month, 6:30 pm, location TBD

- ◆ No meeting was held in July.
- ◆ The next meeting date, August 3rd, is National Night Out, and the committee meeting will be rescheduled.

4. Communications Committee Report (Merry Rabb)

Second Wednesday, 7 pm, Beyu Caffè

- Wednesday July 13, 2011 7pm Beyu Caffè
- Attending: Merry Rabb, Ken Kaye, Alan Dippy, Dale McKeel, Ninna Gagnon, Dawn Hill-Alston, Robin Michler
- Dawn Hill-Alston from the North East Central Durham (NECD) Livability Initiative Coordinated Public Transportation scheme discussed their plans for a Bike Back to School program this fall. The transportation scheme picks one project per quarter and this is the next one, planned tentatively for October. They will be working with Eastway Elementary School which is at Alston & Taylor. They plan to identify one 4th grade class and one 5th grade class to work with, emphasize health and safety and getting kids outside, involve Mr. Lewis Day (the "Bike Man") etc. Dale gave her a list of contacts that might be able to help or work

with them and several of us made other suggestions. We also offered to help as volunteers when the time comes. Dawn will keep us posted on their plans.

- Ninna Gagnon of Clean Energy Durham has very recently taken over the position that Robin Michler just left (he is moving to Kentucky). Ninna will be focusing on cycling and the Open Streets programs (there will be another staff person focusing on other things like bus transit). Also her work will not be restricted to the 8 specific neighborhoods that Robin targeted. They are still hoping to do two more Open Streets programs this year with the next one in September.
- Upcoming events:
 - Ken will be helping with an employee fair at Biogen Idec in RTP August 30-31. Dale has also sent some material for this event. Ken will probably attend in person for one of the days of the event to staff an info table. If someone else is interested in helping/attending on the other day, that would be good.
 - No Centerfest this year - it will resume in 2012.
 - Will there be any opportunities to collaborate with the folks at Duke or NCCU with any "back to school" or other fall events? Brian mentioned that Duke is planning on some event, but had no specific details.
 - Dave Connolly is planning to lead another Durham Greenway ride at some point - not yet scheduled.
 - Should we sponsor an event ourselves this fall, perhaps something in conjunction with World Car Free Day (Sept 22)?
 - Should we perhaps have a table at the Farmer's market one or two times this fall?
- NOTE: Next month's CommComm meeting will be held TUESDAY August 9 (normally we would meet on Wednesday) and Jack Warman will attend to give an update & lead a discussion on social media (blog, Twitter, Facebook etc.)
- Dale mentioned that East Coast Greenways will sponsor a ride on September 24th.

G. Updates from Liaisons

1. NCCU – Jonathan Leach

- ◆ Central is updating their master plan starting in January, and Jonathan will be included in the planning process. They may come in to make a presentation to the commission early next year.
- ◆ October 7th, the annual employee health and wellness fair will be held. An emphasis will be on prevention, and Jonathan wants to have something on bicycling included at the fair.
- ◆ Week of Welcome for freshmen is held before classes start.

2. Duke – Steven Lee

- ◆ No report. (Steven is away from campus for the summer.)

3. DOST – Toby Berla

- ◆ No report.

4. City Council – Mike Woodard

- ◆ No report.

H. Old Business

1. ATT Phase E Update (Dan Clever)

- ◆ Bids were opened on the 15th. The lowest bid was over \$7.7 million, the engineer's estimate was around \$5.6 million. City staff is reviewing options.

2. Public Education on Sharrows (Dale McKeel / Alan Dippy)

- ◆ No new activity this month. Brian is investigating some educational efforts on campus.

3. Google Maps Bike Data (Toby Berla / Dale McKeel)

- ◆ No new activity this month.

4. Club Boulevard Curb Extensions (Dale McKeel)

- ◆ No new activity this month.

5. Annual Report for 2011 (Dale McKeel)

- ◆ Dale distributed a draft copy of the annual report, which he had previously emailed to the commission. Members identified a few corrections. *Dan moved and Alan seconded to approve the annual report. Motion passed unanimously.* The completed report will be sent to the City Council and County Commissioners, and Scott will ask to be added to their agendas to formally present the report.

I. New Business

1. Revision to BPAC Bylaws

- ◆ Dale distributed a copy of the bylaws.
- ◆ The primary area that needs to be updated is the membership section, with the additional of liaisons from NC Central and Duke.
- ◆ Each committee will review the bylaws, and identify potential changes. The chairs should send a list of possible changes to Jim, who will collate the list and distribute before the August commission meeting.

J. Staff Report / Questions / Announcements

- ◆ No additional items from Dale.
- ◆ Eric asked about the Access to Transit project. This is a pilot effort by the Rail and Bike/Ped Divisions of NCDOT to improve access and remove impediments. Dale indicated that in Durham, the efforts are concentrated on portions of Fayetteville St, Roxboro Rd. and Holloway St. /Liberty St. A consultant has been hired by NCDOT to work on this project.
- ◆ Scott thanked Dan for providing BPAC's comments on changes to the Durham comprehensive plan.
- ◆ Scott said that on next month's agenda, there will be a discussion on the proposal for the ½ cent sales tax to be used for transit.

K. Adjournment

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