



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

### MINUTES

December 21 2004 ■ 7:00 PM  
Durham City Hall  
Durham, NC 27701

**Members Present:** Phillip Barron, Heather Fisher, Tim Griffin, Judy Martell, Paul Naylor, Mike Wolosin

**Members Absent:** Excused absences: Aaron Cain, Diane Daniel, Robert Glenn, Pete Schubert

**Staff Present:** Alison Carpenter

**Public Present:** N/A

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Judy Martell called the meeting to order.

Acting Secretary was Alison Carpenter.

Excused absences: Aaron Cain, Diane Daniel, Robert Glenn, Pete Schubert.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The October 2004 meeting minutes were approved as is. The November 2004 minutes were approved with amendment to Section VI.

#### III. Adjustments to the Agenda: Announcements and Public Comment

- Phillip called for requests/comments regarding downtown bike-friendliness and West Village development, for an upcoming meeting with Blue Devil Ventures consultant Caleb Southern.
- Mike announced that Duke is participating in a TTA survey regarding commuter alternatives
- Paul announced the success of the mountain bike trails at Little River Park. Phillip suggested that a new Erwin Rd park would provide potential for additional mountain bike trails in the area.
- Alison Carpenter introduced a letter to the commission regarding public comment from Lara Aho. Mike Wolosin volunteered to respond to the letter.
- Robert Glenn emailed the commission regarding a forum regarding biking/walking to school; the commission reviewed the email and asked for the item to appear on the January agenda.
- Mike and Tim requested the addition of "Update on Duke Contacts" to the agenda

#### **IV. Public Comment**

N/A

#### **V. Old Business (added by request)**

1. Duke Contacts Update – Mike Wolosin met recently with several Duke officials regarding bike-friendly development on campus. Scott Sealig (sp?) met with Mike to discuss potential bike accommodations during central campus development. John Pierce & Mark Huff met with Mike to discuss planning opportunities for bike-ped improvements throughout campus. They have invited Mike and other fellow students to quarterly meetings to discuss building/development projects and the incorporation of bike-ped facilities into such projects. Mr. Pierce & Mr. Huff mentioned former attempts by Duke to accommodate bikes on Duke University Rd through a road diet and the addition of bike lanes to the City facility, and asked if the City might be willing to reconsider this possibility.
2. BPAC Website Update – Phillip Barron has set up an official website for BPAC. It currently resides at <http://dbpac.dchcmpo.org/>. Phillip has for member bios to be posted on website. All members should notify Phillip if they prefer their bio not to be posted online. He also asked for help in further developing the layout and content for the site. Several suggestions were made regarding layout, and the commission brainstormed possible webpage topics to develop, as well as potential contributors:
  - \* Running/Jogging
  - \* Recreational Cycling (Paul & Diane?)
  - \* Bike Touring/Travel (Diane?)
  - \* Bike/Walk to School (Bo?)
  - \* Family Cycling & Child Bike Safety (Aaron?)
  - \* Newcomer Page (Tim) with map links (Phillip)
  - \* Bike Safety & Crash Data (Judy)
  - \* Segways (Phillip)
  - \* BPAC History & Accomplishments (Judy)
  - \* Commuting (Pete? & Alison)
  - \* Bus/Bike Combo (Heather)
  - \* Health (Tim)
  - \* Trails (Heather)
  - \* Duke/Durham news (Mike)
  - \* Recumbents (Pete?)
  - \* Road Biking (Bo?)
  - \* Mountain Biking (Mike & Phillip)
3. Public Forum Results – The commission discussed a list of major sources of funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects and received the November 16 public comments from staff in spreadsheet format. The commission discussed project applications submitted by staff for CMAQ & STP-DA funding, as well as upcoming CIP process. Alison reported that public comment will be recorded and updated consistently, and used to apply for

project funding, based on frequency of requests and staff judgment. Commission will roll suggested projects from public forum into regional priority ranking for the next TIP process.

4. Old Durham-Chapel Hill Rd Study Update – Alison informed the commission that the contract for the study will soon go before Council, and the policy committee for the project is in the process of being formed. Pete Schubert volunteered to serve on the committee as the BPAC representative. An official nomination will be made in January when quorum is met.
5. Pedestrian Plan Update – Alison asked for nominees to the steering committee for the upcoming pedestrian plan. Diane volunteered previously, and Judy volunteered to serve as an alternate. An official nomination will be made in January when quorum is met.

## **VI. New Business**

1. CMAQ Letters of Support – Alison asked the commission for approval of letters of support to be submitted to the MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) with CMAQ project applications.

## **VII. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.