



## Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

### MINUTES

February 15, 2005 ▪ 7:00 PM  
Durham City Hall  
Durham, NC 27701

- Members Present:** Phillip Barron, Heather Fisher, Tim Griffin, Judy Martell, Pete Schubert, Sam Hummel, Mike Wolosin, Aaron Cain, Paul Naylor
- Members Absent:** Excused absences: Diane Daniel, Bo Glenn  
Unexcused absences: Jimmy Gamble, Steve Matherly
- Staff Present:** Alison Carpenter, Kathy Molin
- Guests Present:** Scott Lane
- Public Present:** Dave Sokal

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Judy Martell called the meeting to order.

Acting Secretary was Alison Carpenter.

Excused absences: Diane Daniel, Bo Glenn

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The January 2005 meeting minutes were approved as is.

#### III. Adjustments to the Agenda: Introductions & Announcements

- Roundtable introductions were made to familiarize new member, Sam Hummel, with other commissioners.
- Alison made two announcements:
  - 1) Bicyclist Breakfast – to be held on Fri, Feb 25 from 7:30-9AM at Ooh-La-Latte. See [BPAC website](#) for more info.
  - 2) Letter from Stephen Bevington was recently received by Judy Martell, Alison & Ann Denlinger of Durham Public Schools. The letter was passed out and brought to the attention of the commission. Continued discussion of Safe Routes to School will pull in Steve's comments and help the commission focus on his suggestions.
- Tim added "Drive 2 Fitness" discussion to "New Business"

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

Dave Sokal attended the meeting and spoke about the lack of bike accommodations between his neighborhood, Parkwood, and surrounding retail/business districts. Dave was particularly concerned with access along NC 54 and NC 55, and between his neighborhood to RTP and the ATT. It was suggested that he meet with Alison to discuss specific route suggestions, and work with commission as necessary to build support for his ideas. It was also suggested that Dave might be a good candidate to serve on the

#### **V. Guests/Presentations**

- TDM Ordinance & Commuter Resources – TTA staff liaison to BPAC, Kathy Molin, brought materials to present to the commission about the Durham County Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance and TTA's Commuter Resources program. She discussed the Commuter Resource team's work with local businesses, those of which have over 100 employees are required to

#### **VI. Old Business**

1. BPAC Website Update – Phillip showed the commission updates to the website, particularly the Greenways section (by Heather Fisher) and the Health section (by Tim Griffin). Everyone was reminded of their web assignment topics. Aaron Cain will follow up on purchase of a domain name.
2. Update on Duke University Contacts – Mike and Sam were asked to give a brief update of events at Duke. Mike has joined a committee to give input on the Duke Central Campus Development plans. He has been working with Duke architects, and asked that Alison follow up with his contacts to discuss bike facilities on Duke University Rd. Sam discussed his position as Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at Duke, and projects such as the greenhouse gas analysis that affect transportation management policies at Duke, as well as a study of bike/ped safety along Erwin Rd. He pointed out to the commission that Duke is limiting new parking construction to vertical growth (no surface lots), and suggested that this will change the parking supply management of previous years to demand management. He suggested that Duke is ready to work with Durham on alternative transportation issues.
3. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Training – Alison updated the commission on the NCDOT-sponsored SR2S trainings that will be hosted in Durham the week of April 25. Alison is working with NC Healthy Kids Initiative Coordinator, Lara Khalil, and several local school leaders to identify 2 host sites for the courses. When the sites are selected, promotional materials will be distributed and interest must be stirred for optimal participation in the courses. Pete suggested taking this item to a school board meeting to discuss the importance of walking/biking to school, and Judy volunteered to attend a

board meeting to discuss the training. The commission will continue to discuss this event at its March meeting.

4. Blackwell/Corcoran Street Meeting Update – Alison informed the commission that the result of the last meeting on the Blackwell/Corcoran street closing was a suggestion that a study be performed to analyze the options of raising and lowering the rail. Also, another suggestion was to improve pedestrian safety through intelligent transportation systems design. Alison will continue to update the commission on any news.

## VII. New Business

1. Pedestrian Plan\* - Scott Lane discussed the Pedestrian Plan with the commission. He is with consulting firm, Louis Berger, with whom the City is negotiating a contract for the planning work. Scott discussed the sidewalk inventory with the commission, as well as the public involvement ideas being presented by Louis Berger in their scope of services. Commission members will be invited to public meetings and received regular updates on the Plan after it begins in April.
2. Drive to Fitness Event\* - Tim informed the commission of a “Drive to Fitness” event at Southpointe Mall, to promote healthy, active lifestyles for kids. The event will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-3PM. The commission voted to support the event. Tim, Phillip & Alison volunteered to help staff a booth. Kathy Molin offered to donate TTA reflectors for the event.
3. Regional Project Prioritization – The commission reviewed the FY2007-2013 regional priority list, and voted on recommending the following additions/changes to the TAC:
  - Cole Mill Rd – add bike facilities from Rose of Sharon to County line
  - Morreene Rd – add bike and pedestrian facilities from American Dr to Neal Rd
  - La Salle Rd – add pedestrian facilities from Erwin Rd to Hillsborough St
  - Chapel Hill Rd – add bike and pedestrian facilities from University Dr to Duke University Dr

The commission also suggested that incidental bike/ped facilities be included on any improvements to Miami between US 70 and RTP.

Pete Schubert asked that bike facilities be included as an incidental request on Fayetteville Road project. He also asked if a bike/ped connection could be considered in the MLK/NC55 Interchange project.

4. Bike to Work Activities – Alison asked that anyone interested in working on a Bike to Work Day subcommittee contact her.
5. Durham County Bike Plan – tabled until March 15 meeting.

### **VIII. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm, after a motion to extend meeting to 9:15pm was passed at 8:45pm.

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### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Follow up with Phillip on individual writing assignments for webpage
- Form Bike to Work Event Subcommittee