



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

March 15, 2005 ■ 7:00 PM
Durham City Hall
Durham, NC 27701

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Judy Martell called the meeting to order.

Acting Secretary was Alison Carpenter.

Excused absences: Tim Griffin, Paul Naylor, Pete Schubert, Kathy Molin

II. Approval of Minutes

The February 2005 meeting minutes were approved as is.

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: Introductions & Announcements

- Several announcements were made:
 - 1) March 31 – Cannondale expo at Durham Cycle Center
 - 2) March 19 – Single-speed mountain bike rally
 - 3) March 18-20 – DOMBO trailbuilding workshop in the Triangle
 - 4) April 10 – bike race

IV. Public Comment

N/A

V. Guests/Presentations

Fitness Forward presentation by Jason Langheier was postponed to April meeting

VI. Old Business

1. CORE Plan Update – Alison Carpenter gave a brief update on the status of the CORE Plan, which is still being revised for April finalization. The commission was invited to give final input before the plan is released for adoption on early summer.
2. BPAC Website Update – Phillip announced the addition of the commuter page to the website, and asked for continued assistance on improving and updating the website.
3. Update on Duke University – Alison discussed conversations between Duke and the City regarding bike facilities on Duke University Rd. Currently, the City is conducting traffic studies of intersections along the corridor, for planned changes to accommodate bikes. In summer/fall 2005, the roadway will be converted the 3-lanes with bike lanes on both sides of the road to serve cycling traffic to/from/around campus.

Alison was asked about the Broad/Perry intersection, and the possibility of installing a traffic light or pedestrian-actuated light at the 3-way stop. Alison could not answer questions about specific signal warrants, but will follow up with Phil Loziuk, city engineer, about the question.

Heather presented the commission with a proposal to take comments from the public about most-dangerous intersections in Durham. She will work to compile info and report back to the commission, in order to utilize this information to approach the City for improved pedestrian crossings.

4. Bike Maintenance Classes – removed from agenda
5. Safe Routes to School Training – Alison discussed the upcoming workshop at Fayetteville School Elementary, passed out flyers for the event and invited commission members to attend. The commission also discussed means of promoting the course, and encouraged staff to pursue a discussion at a Durham School Board meeting. Bo Glenn volunteered to help with this item, and Alison was asked to follow up in an attempt to get on the School Board agenda.

VII. New Business

1. Bike to Work Week – Bike to Work Week is May 16-20. Alison & Phillip have discussed organizing an event in Durham, similar to the Car-Free Day activities. Ideas currently include a Bicyclist Breakfast at MadHatter's with free bike tune-ups and prize giveaways, a Bicyclist Film Showing in the evening, and various 'Bike Buddy' rides to/from RTP for employees. Phillip asked for volunteers to form a subcommittee and help work on the event.

Additionally, the commission discussed the need for materials and supplies for upcoming Spring/Summer events. The commission voted to purchase a banner for use at booths.

2. Durham County Bicycle Plan – Alison informed the commission that the City is negotiating with local consultants Greenways, Incorporated on a contract for the Bicycle Plan. The study is expected to begin in May 2005, and a BPAC member will be asked to participate on a steering committee for the Plan.
3. Earth Day Event – Phillip is working with members of the Duke cycling community to organize a Bike Parts Swap at the City's April 23 Earth Day event. The event will take place in downtown Durham, at the corner of Parrish & Corcoran Streets from 11am-5pm. The commission decided to participate in the event, and interested parties will work with Phillip as a subcommittee to help organize for the event.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

ACTION ITEMS

- Form Bike to Work Event Subcommittee
- Form Earth Day Event Subcommittee
- Follow up with Durham School Board on Safe Routes to School workshop
- Alison to follow up with Phil Loziuk on Broad/Perry issue
- Heather Fisher to send out call for input on dangerous local intersections
- Purchase banner for commission events