



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

## MINUTES

February 19, 2008 ■ 7:00 PM  
Committee Room  
Second Floor, City Hall

- Members Present:** Alan Dippy, Dan Clever, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Henri Gavin, Ken Kaye, Lars Trost, Linda Smith, Jack Warman
- Members Absent:** Excused absences: Scott Carter, Diane Daniel, Bo Glenn, Tim Griffin, Pete Schubert,
- Staff Present:** Mark Ahrendsen, Phil Loziuk, Dale McKeel
- Guests Present:** Slade McCalip (Martin Alexiou Bryson)
- Public Present:** Aidil Ortiz Collins, Mike Halligan, Marge Nordstrom

1. Call to Order – Dan Clever called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes – On a motion by Ken and second by Henri, the January 15, 2008 minutes were approved unanimously. Dale stated that the January 26 retreat minutes were not complete.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda – The agenda item on Anderson Street was moved ahead of Committee Reports.
4. Announcements – None.
5. Public Comments – Aidil Ortiz Collins of Uplift East Durham stated that her neighborhood is trying to gather information on the Alston Avenue widening project and what the project will entail for the community. She noted that one of the concerns is how the project will help or hinder bicycle and pedestrian transportation. She stated that the Cleveland-Holloway neighborhood also has an interest in the project.

Jim suggested to Ms. Collins that she contact Beverly Robinson, project manager with the N.C. Department of Transportation and that Ms. Robinson might be able to assist with a community meeting on the project. Lars asked about the interest of the Cleveland Holloway neighborhood in the project. Ms. Collins said that neighborhood borders on Roxboro and Alston.

Ms. Collins said the Alston Avenue project might be discussed at the City Council worksession on February 21. Mark Ahrendsen said it is not on the agenda for that meeting but it might be brought up by someone.

Mark Ahrendsen said that city staff had asked in 2007 that right-of-way acquisition be delayed but unless NCDOT hears otherwise at some point they will need to move forward. Dan asked if the suggestion to move funds from the Alston Avenue project to other road construction projects was better defined, and Mark said the City Council has not taken a position and the concept of moving funds has no standing.

6. Anderson Street. Mark Ahrendsen provided background information on Anderson Street, noting that the neckdowns had been constructed in response to a speeding problem. City staff heard from BPAC and bicyclists about the negative impacts of the neckdowns and agreed to hire a consultant to do an assessment and meet with stakeholders. He said the consultant has prepared an assessment but a final recommendation has not been developed. He said the consultant is meeting with both BPAC and neighborhood representatives to get feedback.

Slade McCalip presented a presentation on the assessment. He noted that Anderson Street is classified as a minor thoroughfare. He said that speed cushions had been considered for Anderson Street but that objections had been raised by emergency service providers due to the effect of the speed cushions on ambulance operations.

Lars asked whether fines for speeding tickets covers the cost of enforcement; the answer was no, because fines go to the school system, not to the police department. Mark stated that there was a commitment from the police department to do additional enforcement and noted that the city has constructed hundreds of speed humps on residential streets, relieving the police department of speed enforcement responsibilities on those streets.

Mark suggested that one option would be to leave neckdowns on one side of the street to help shelter parked vehicles and retain some of the city's investment in the neckdowns. Lars asked about Duke's plans for the central campus area and how that would affect this section of Anderson Street. Henri asked if there were alternatives to using mulch in the neckdowns.

Dan asked about the timeline for BPAC to make a recommendation. Mark responded that BPAC should take the time needed for adequate consideration. Jim asked if the BPAC could request that funds be included in the upcoming budget for work on Anderson Street. Mark suggested that BPAC could send a letter to Bertha Johnson in the Finance Department as a capital need in the upcoming budget. Mark mentioned several sources of funds for the project. On a motion by Jack and second by Jim, a resolution to request that \$132,000 be included in the 2008-2009 city budget for work on Anderson Street.

There was review of the chart showing projected impacts of improvements to existing neckdowns. Jack suggested that enforcement be added to the chart.

7. Review of Goals. There was a brief review of the goals developed at the retreat. Modifications were made to the goals, as reflected and highlighted on the attached copy of the goals. It was decided that additional time would be devoted to discussing the goals at the March meeting.
8. Development Committee Report – Jack reported that the committee is seeking guidance from BPAC on the review of rezoning and development plans, and is included under new business on the agenda.

9. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report – No report.
10. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report – No report.
11. Communications Committee. Alan reported that the committee is working on a new handout item and logo for BPAC. The committee is also working to establish a regular presence at the farmer's market and to plan for Bike to Work Week.
12. Election of Vice-Chair. On a motion by Jim and second by Ken, Jack Warman was elected to be vice-chair by a unanimous vote.
13. Development Review of Rezonings / Development Plans. Jack provided an overview and said the development committee felt the need for guidance from BPAC. Jim said that one question was whether BPAC should take a position in support or opposition of a rezoning request. It was decided that additional discussion would need to occur at a later meeting.
14. Committees and Communications. Dan said this item was placed on the agenda to discuss who can represent BPAC. It was decided that additional discussion would need to occur at a later meeting.
15. Quick Updates from the Chair. Dan provided an overview of the regional bike-ped meeting, which was attended by several BPAC members, and his presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee of the DCHC MPO. He stated that the next scheduled meeting on the ATT bridge is in the spring and that the City has decided to use city funds to hire the consultant. Ken stated that he supports paving the section of the trail south of I-40 in advance of the completion of the I-40 bridge.
16. Resolution on Additional Staff. On a resolution by Jim and second by Jack, the BPAC unanimously voted to send a resolution to City Council in support of hiring a full-time bike and pedestrian planner to complement the current half-time city position.
17. Hillandale Road TIP Project. Jim provided a brief overview of a post hearing meeting on the project. In response to comments at the hearing, several changes have been made to the project. There will likely be a follow-up public meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. Next meeting: March 18, 2008, at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.

#### Action Items

- Send request that \$132,000 be included in the 2008-2009 city budget for work on Anderson Street to Bertha Johnson in the Finance Department as a capital need.
- Send a resolution to City Council in support of hiring an a full-time bike and pedestrian planner to complement the current half-time city position

**2008 BPAC and Committee Goals**  
(2-19-08 Revisions in Bold)

<b>Goals - Bike Plan Implementation Committee</b>	
3	<b>Bike map</b>
4	<b>Bike plan - phase 1 projects</b>
	<b>Contacts w/ NCDOT &amp; Durham staff</b>
	<b>Consistency of members at meetings</b>
8	More cycling / demand for cycling
9	Study success stories and successful policies
12	Every road striped
17	Law enforcement
23	Alston Avenue
<b>Goals - Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee</b>	
	<b>Find Chair</b>
1	Pedestrian plan digest
2	Pedestrian plan progress report
8	More peds
9	Study success stories and successful policies
23	Alston Avenue
26	NC 147 ped bridge
<b>Goals - Communications Committee</b>	
7	<b>New handout item and logo</b>
	<b>Regular presence at Farmer's Market</b>
	<b>BTWW</b>
8	More cycling / demand for cycling / more peds
13	Superstar speaker - transit/bike/ped
14	Calendar of cycling events (e.g., bike rodeos)
15	Bike drivers education
18	Law enforcement
22	Interaction / membership from minority communities
23	Alston Avenue
<b>Goals - Development Committee</b>	
5	Calendar of stuff (important dates)
6	UDO - policy revisions
19	Better coordination w/ planning dept and commission
	Review rezonings w/ development plan
<b>Goals - BPAC</b>	
10	Regional oversight
11	Rural attention
16	Better contacts, input, & connections - govt leaders, PACS
20	Expand BPAC
21	Double listserv participants
22	Interaction / membership from minority communities
24	Leverage ATT Phase E
25	Southpoint welcome station
27	Funding (including 21st century commission)

28	Connect to bike-ped commissions statewide
29	Additional bike-ped planner
30	Better contacts with Duke & NCCU