



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

June 17, 2008 ▪ 7:00 PM
Committee Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Lilah Besser, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Bo Glenn, Lars Trost, Jack Warman

Members Absent: Excused absences: Diane Daniel, Alan Dippy, Henri Gavin, Ken Kaye, Linda Smith

Staff Present: Felix Nwoko

Guests Present: None

Public Present: Peter Anlyan, Todd Twigg

1. Call to Order. Dan Clever called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. The May 20 meeting minutes were approved.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. None.
4. Announcements. None.
5. Public Comments. None.
6. Development Committee Report. Jack reported on the Development Committee's meeting with Steve Medlin and Teri Danner. He said it was a very good meeting. Topics discussed included UDO text amendments, as recommended by the bike and ped plans, and on-going discussions regarding streamlining the development review process. Jack said there is a good opportunity to have workshops with planning department staff to discuss topics such as bicycle parking. Jim noted that Steve Medlin had suggested that BPAC team up with Transportation Division staff (Wesley Parham, Bill Judge, and Nancy Averette) on site plan comments. Dan added that it was discussed that BPAC's biggest influence could be on legislative matters coming before the elected boards, including rezoning and text amendments. It was noted that the number of rezoning requests has decreased this year.
7. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott reported that the committee met on June 9 and spent a considerable amount of time discussing the bicycle map. NCDOT is working on a Triangle region bicycle map and Durham may be able to use that data as the skeleton for the Durham map. The committee may invite representatives from Greenways, Inc., who are working on the Triangle region map, to the next committee meeting. The committee also reviewed a suitability map from Omaha. Scott reported that the committee has asked transportation staff to review restriping some of the roads identified in the bicycle plan,

including Washington Street, Stadium Drive, and Briggs Avenue. The committee has asked city staff to work with NCDOT on the Roxboro Road repaving project to provide wider outside lanes where possible. The committee also discussed the ATT Phase E project and W. Chapel Hill Street streetscape project.

8. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg reported that the committee has completed the summary of the pedestrian plan which includes goals and objectives, a quick synopsis, and a plan digest. The goal of putting together this information is to turn the benchmarks and priority list from the pedestrian plan into something readable and concise. The idea is to get people excited about the plan so that they can give feedback to the city council and city staff.
9. Communications Committee. Alan was not available to attend this meeting. Dan circulated a sign-up sheet for the Eno Festival. BPAC will be sharing a booth with DOST and the Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy.
10. Anderson Street Recommendations. Lars provided an overview of a draft letter to send to Mark Ahrendsen from BPAC supporting the removal of the neckdowns on Anderson Street as recommended by the consultant. There was discussion and amendments to the letter. On a motion by Jim and second by Scott, it was unanimously approved to send the letter as amended to Mark Ahrendsen.
11. Update on Interlocal Agreement. Dan reported that the agreement is being reviewed by the county attorney.
12. NC 147 Bridge. Greg reported that during the city budget process, one city council member had questions about providing the \$200,000 local match needed for the bridge. Greg attended a city council meeting where the budget was discussed. The meeting lasted until 1:00 am, and he decided not to speak on the bridge but sent follow-up information to the council members.
13. Senate Bill 1629. Bo discussed this bill which is of concern to bicyclists. The bill has passed the NC Senate and will change existing law and allow 10-foot wide trailers. The bill is opposed by the NC Highway Patrol and ITRE. On a motion by Greg and second by Scott, it was unanimously approved for Bo to send a letter on behalf of BPAC to the local NC House delegation in opposition to the SB 1629. On a motion by Bo and second by Lars, it was unanimously approved for BPAC to support the ITRE letter opposing SB 1629.
14. Possible Meeting to Discuss Bike-Ped Issues Around Duke. Todd Twigg discussed that a group is meeting to discuss bicycle and pedestrian issues around Duke and invited members of BPAC to attend an upcoming meeting.
15. Update on West Chapel Hill Street Streetscape Meeting. Lars reported that the City has hired a consulting firm to prepare streetscape plans for five areas, including Chapel Hill Street between Buchanan and Maplewood. Lars attended a meeting on the streetscape plan. Issues discussed at the meeting include the boundaries of the study area and the need for the planning department to be involved in the process.

16. Bull Moon Ride. Peter Anlyan stated that the Bull Moon Ride, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, is scheduled for June 19. Habitat also sponsors a Halloween Ride in October. Mr. Anlyan noted that he is a resident of Trinity Park and has been concerned about traffic on Duke and Gregson streets.
17. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Felix Nwoko briefly discussed the 2035 plan and noted that the Bike-Ped Commission will be asked to review the plan in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next meeting: July 15, 2008, at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.