



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

December 15, 2009 ▪ 7:00 PM
Committee Room
Second Floor, City Hall

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb, Steve Saltzman, Linda Smith, Lars Trost, Jack Warman.
- Members Absent:** Excused: Dwayne Taylor
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel, Mark Ahrendsen, Joe Carley (Planning Department)
- Liaisons Present:** Council member Mike Woodard
- Guests Present:** Carl Sundstrom, UNC Highway Safety Research Center

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. The November 17 minutes were approved unanimously, following a motion by Jim and second by Dan.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. None.
4. Announcements. None.
5. Public Comment. There were no public comments.
6. Development Committee Report. Dan Clever discussed a draft letter the committee has written regarding the Westpoint at 751 rezoning request. The committee members made several suggestions to the letter. On a motion by Lars and second by Jim, the committee approved the letter.
7. UDO Bike Parking Modifications. Lars introduced the topic of UDO bicycle parking requirements. As recommended by the bicycle plan, the committee has been reviewing the bicycle parking requirements to insure that an appropriate amount is required with new development. Currently, the UDO requires a flat 10 percent of motor vehicle parking, which can result in too little or too much bicycle parking. The committee is looking at use-based requirements. Joe Carley from the Planning Department, who is working on the amendment, discussed the bike parking and his timetable for the amendment. Joe discussed areas where he is seeking guidance from BPAC. There was discussion of a minimum parking requirement, removing the cap of 100 spaces on a site, short-term vs. long-term parking. It

was noted that some uses may not need bicycle parking. Jack said the committee would continue to work with Joe Carley on the amendment.

8. NHTSA Pedestrian Safety Project. Carl Sundstrom stated that NHTSA has identified North Carolina as a focus state for pedestrian safety, and has awarded a grant to the UNC Highway Safety Research Center. Carl said the project will focus on 3 communities: Charlotte, Durham, and Wilson. The project provides funding for four years, with an option for a fifth year. The focus is on education and enforcement. Carl will be the liaison for Durham. The work plan is still being developed; but the project will work on recommendations from the DurhamWalks! plan. Durham was selected because the City ranks high in crashes involving children and minority/low income areas. Examples of education would be the walksafe program in schools, ads in buses, and ads targeted to the older population. The first year will focus on collecting before data, years 2-3 will be interventions, and year 4 will be collecting after data. Carl said they would be working closely with the police department, BPAC, and other groups.
9. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott expressed that the committee is disappointed that the downtown loop proposal does not include bike lanes. Scott reviewed the committee's report from its December 9 meeting (attached).
10. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg provided a report of the committee's activities (attached). Greg reported that Toby has joined the committee. There was a discussion of the pedestrian crashes map the committee has prepared and how to most effectively use the map.
11. Message from Mark Ahrendsen. Mark discussed the formation of the new Transportation Department and the reasons the City Manager decided to create the new department, to elevate transportation and transit. He noted the goal of bringing funded STP-DA and CMAQ projects to design and construction. He noted NCDOT's recent adoption of a complete streets policy and the work to stripe bike lanes and wider outside lanes in conjunction with resurfacing projects. He said there would be little new funding in the coming year, but he wants to focus on complete streets, connections between bike-ped and transit, pedestrian access to schools and transit stops, and pedestrians at rail crossings.
12. Communications Committee. Ken reported that the committee has been working on its goals for the coming year and delegating responsibilities for tasks to members. Jack has joined the committee. Ken said the committee is working on a bike-to-work week survey.
13. American Tobacco Trail. Dan reported that the Phase E (Durham) construction bid date has been delayed to June 2010.
14. Elections. Nominations were made for chair and vice-chair. On a motion by Jim and second by Dan, Alan was unanimously elected chair for a second year. On a motion by Dan and second by Jim, Jack was unanimously elected vice-chair for a second year.
15. Retreat. There was discussion of dates and locations for an annual retreat. More discussion will take place via e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: January 19, 2010, at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale McKeel.

Action items:

- Interested members are to follow-up with Theresa Cromling, 323-5073, Theresa.cromling@duke.edu, to volunteer for Safe Kids events and coordinated BPAC activities with her organization.
- Send ideas for future speakers at BPAC meetings to the Communications Committee (BPAC members).
- Provide bicycle parking details for inclusion in Public Works Reference Guide and/or UDO (Development Review Committee).
- White paper on ATT encouragement activities (Ken).
- Determine if the GIS layers from the bicycle and pedestrian plans could be added to the city's on-line GIS system (Dale).
- Review progress in implementing the bicycle and pedestrian plans (Dale).

Pedestrian Committee Report
Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
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The Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Merry Rabb, Greg Garneau, Erik Landfried and Toby Berla (a new member) attended.

Pedestrian Plan and Bicycle Plan Maps: Work was completed on all three pending maps: *Intersections Prioritized for Upgrade* [by the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan], *Durham Bicycle Network - Top Projects*, and *Durham County Pedestrian Crashes 2004 -2008*. A draft press release was discussed. Erik Landfried volunteered to redraft the announcements. The Bicycle Committee will draft its own announcement for the Durham Bicycle Network map. The timing of publication of the maps and the final wording will be presented to the full BPAC for their final approval. The map *Sidewalk Projects* has already been published and is available on the BPAC web site.

Goals and progress against the annual Retreat plan were discussed to bring Toby Berla up-to-date on the Pedestrian Committee's activities.

Progress on the new Durham Freeway - NC 147 Pedestrian Bridge was reported. This project and the new ATT - Interstate 40 Bridge project highlighted the advantages of connecting Durham's recreational (and commuting) trails. The Durham Open Space and Trails Commission has stated that connections between the various trail networks will work to the advantage of all Durham constituencies.

The Pedestrian Committee will review the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan to further condense it and to (possibly) re-prioritize some the Plan's stated goals in light of the current situation (three years after the Plan's original publication). Various trail and recreational connections are of great interest. Mapping potential connections may be useful.

Increase participation in pedestrian issues/diversity of BPAC constituencies (BPAC goal from 2009 retreat): Toby Berla will begin the process of engaging neighborhood associations to further the Committee's goal of building a city-wide constituency for the Pedestrian Plan. No activities were reported this month regarding Durham-Orange Friends of Transit.

Police enforcement needs/wish list (BPAC goal from 2009 retreat for both bike and ped): A five year Federal grant has been awarded to the UNC - Highway Safety Research Center with the goal of increasing pedestrian safety in three North Carolina cities. Durham is one of the three cities selected. The grant will focus on pedestrian safety education and local traffic enforcement.

Safe Routes to School: nothing to report this month.

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Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 6:30–8:00pm., Sunset Grille

Facilitator/Note taker: Scott Carter

Attendees: Scott Carter, Dale McKeel, Carl Sundstrom, Alison Carpenter, Heidi Carter

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Scott.

Agenda Topics:

1. Downtown Loop Proposal to 2-way traffic.
 - Letter from BPAC to Durham Transportation Dept with comments was approved by BPAC last month and Dale sent to Mark A last week. Hopefully, these comments will be reflected in the follow up meeting on 12/10.
2. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT about bike facilities on W CH Rd, University Drive, and Main St.
 - BPAC also approved this letter created by Dan during the last meeting, and it was sent.
3. Use of Sharrows on selected road projects in 2010
 - The committee discussed the applicability of sharrows on selected roads, including Blackwell / Corcoran / Foster, Broad, Guess, Erwin, 9th, etc. Agreed that they are most suitable in cases where there is on-street parking in order to avoid the door zone, and on roads where the width or other features prevent a full bike lane but a bike facility is needed (maybe to connect other bike facilities). The committee can continue to discuss this. Target to identify a few roads where sharrows can be used on a trial basis. Want to avoid broad usage since we don't want to take the pressure off of getting full bike lane.
4. Durham Bike map
 - No change on the Greenways plan to review the Durham map with a small focus group of reviewers from Durham groups including BPAC, DOST, Bicycle Chain, and the Bike Co-op. Still not clear on when the full Triangle map will be posted to the web. Greenways will provide border content. The map printing will be bid to 3 bidders. – The contract with Greenways for \$11K has been approved and will go to City Mgr on 12/10. Target to print in March 2010.

Follow-up items:

 - Committee will participate in review cycle for Durham map when ready.
 - Dale get final signature on Greenways contract
 - Dale will work on RFQ for printers
5. Economic Stimulus Money project list
 - Durham stimulus list projects include resurfacing of much of ATT, Riddle Rd spur, Murray St trail, 3rd Fork Creek Trail., Renaissance Pkwy crossing, and more bike racks. All projects were sent out for bids on 10/1, contract need to be signed by 12/31/09. Implementation in 2010. Many of the bids came in below the engineer's estimates, which means that there will be additional dollars available for other resurfacing and restriping projects.
 - NCDOT initial stimulus list for resurfacing.
 - o N Duke St from Horton to I-85. DOT still agrees to WOL on this project.
 - 2nd NCDOT resurfacing list for 2010. W CH Rd and University Drive, which will cost about \$1M. Will ask for road diet / bike lanes on W CH and bike lanes on University. Letter from BPAC to NCDOT above covers these projects. Phil L has completed traffic analysis of W CH Road, will meet w DOT in Jan to review. Also includes Kent from W CH to Morehead. Phil also looking at University and Lakewood.
6. Road projects
 - Resurfacing of Duke St, Hillsborough Rd, and Miami Blvd underway. Will be striping WOLs on these roads. No update.

- Anderson St. Milling and utility adjustments done in Nov. Paving delayed due to weather.
- Main St. Bridge will go for bids in Nov09 with construction in 2010. Repaving target will be 2011.
- Washington Street. This street is now in plan for sidewalks on west side next yr from stimulus list, and bike lane addition would be after that. Will need neighborhood meeting.
- Funded road/bicycle projects:
 - o STP-DA (Surface Transportation Program – Direct Allocation) and CMAQ funding from feds has now been rescinded! NC lost \$250M of funding, and Durham MPO will lose \$7M of its \$8M. A number of “funded” projects such as C-F, Morreene, Hillandale, Cornwallis will have their funding rescinded. Still waiting for info from NCDOT on CMAQ funding: TAC will likely discuss in Dec/Jan which funding projects will be delayed. Dale anticipates that staff will recommend protecting funding for those projects that are under design (ATT, Old Durham-CH Rd).
 - o Fayetteville Street road diet/bridge/ Safe Routes to School sidewalk. From Cornwallis to Cecil. Funding covers sidewalk, rework culvert, and restriping. Muni agreement was approved by City Council on 9/8. – Phil now looking at road diet and design.
 - o Morreene Rd. Municipal agreement under review. Need approval from CC. Funding lost, not sure.
 - o Carpenter-Fletcher Road, Hillandale Rd. Cornwallis Rd. Cost estimates, municipal agreements and functional design were underway. Needed proj mgrs. Funding lost.
- Briggs, Stadium restriping to add bike lanes. On hold on restriping bike lanes until rest of Briggs is resurfaced.
- Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road bike/ped project. 25% plan done, Expecting 2 years to acquire right of way, target construction in 2011-12. New target for public meeting is early 2010.

7. Trail bike projects

- ATT Phase F. Chatham County trail work (4.5mi), started 9/8/08. Grand opening spring 2010.
- ATT Phase E bridge. Site plan first round of comments received. State approvals going well so far. Working on MTC buffer and tree inventory. 6-month delay due to permit issues!
- 3rd Fork Creek. New city project manager. Phase 1: CMAR (Skanska). Construction expected to start in Oct09 with completion target Oct2010. Phase 2: Design approved to solicit bids as of 10/1. Begin construction starting spring 2010.
- NC 147 pedestrian bridge and connect to Rocky Crk Trl. Both abutments done. Target May2010 or earlier for completion.

7. Other Topics

- NC 54 Corridor and NC 54 / I-40 interchange. Public meeting to solicit input held on Nov 18.

8. Bike Plan Digest - want to have performance metrics versus implementation plan. No progress.

Adjourned around 8:00pm. Next meeting is Jan 13 (2nd Wednesday of month) at Sunset Grill at Sutton Station at 6:30pm.