

MINUTES

April 20, 2010 Meeting

- Members Present:** Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Alan Dippy, Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Ken Kaye, Erik Landfried, Merry Rabb, Linda Smith, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost, Jack Warman.
- Members Absent:** Excused: Steve Saltzman.
- Staff Present:** Dale McKeel; Stephanie Minker, Triangle Transit; Joe Carley, City-County Planning
- Liaisons Present:** None.
- Guests Present:** Wyatt Ellis, Durham Police Department

1. Call to Order. Alan Dippy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Meeting Minutes. Jack requested that the March minutes be modified to reflect his statement thanking Dale for his work to incorporate a pedestrian connection along TW Alexander Drive into the NC 55 / TW Alexander site plan. On a motion by Jim and second by Jack, the minutes were approved as amended.
3. Adjustments to the Agenda. Alan requested that the two guest speakers be moved to the beginning of the agenda.
4. Announcements. None.
5. Public Comment. None.
6. Employer Outreach. Stephanie Minker discussed her work in Durham County as an employer outreach coordinator with Triangle Transit. In this role, Stephanie works to inform employers and employees of alternatives to the single occupant vehicle (including walking, bicycling, transit, and vanpools) and to promote Triangle Transit's services. Stephanie said that many employers in Durham have an interest in sustainability. She discussed the annual survey that is completed by employees at larger employers in Durham County. She discussed her work with employers, particularly Duke University and Medical Center, and Burt's Bees. She discussed the Smart Commute Challenge and upcoming events in Durham. Scott asked Stephanie about the pre-tax benefit for bicycle commuters that passed Congress. Stephanie said there is confusion and concern with the logistics of the program.

7. Draft Ordinance - Bike Parking / Alternative Pedestrian Plans. Joe Carley reviewed a handout showing the proposed changes to the Unified Development Ordinance. Joe said comments on the draft were needed by April 29. The ordinance change will go to the Planning Commission on May 11 and to the elected boards either in June or August. Dan discussed a draft letter from the commission in support of the amendments, and moved on behalf of the Development Review Committee that the letter be approved. Several modifications to the letter were discussed. The letter was approved by a unanimous vote.
8. Development Review Committee Report. No report.
9. Bike Plan Implementation Committee Report. Scott reported that the committee did not meet this month.
10. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee Report. Greg reviewed the committee's written report (attached).
11. Communications Committee. Ken reviewed the committee's report (attached).
12. ATT Phase E. Dan reported that the Major Special Use Permit and site plan for ATT Phase E are on the agenda of City Council on May 17. On a motion by Jim and second by Toby, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize Dan to represent BPAC at the May 17 meeting.
13. Durham Bike Map. Dale reported that the committee met on April 13. Good feedback has been received on the map from a number of sources.
14. Bicycle Friendly Community Application. Dale said the application deadline is July 16 and he continues to work on the application, with help from BPAC members.
15. Federal STP-DA Funds Rescission. Dale reported that it appears that the federal funds rescinded last year have been restored by Congress. The MPO staff is working with NCDOT to review the availability of funds.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting: May 18, 2010

Minutes submitted by: Dale McKeel

Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Pedestrian Committee Report
April 7, 2010

The meeting was held at 2535 Perkins Road, Durham. Attending were Dale McKeel, Merry Rabb, and Greg Garneau. This report is submitted early because of the calendar announcements regarding a new regular meeting date and an upcoming meeting about the East End Connector project.

Based upon the email poll, it was decided to hold meetings of the Pedestrian Committee on the first Tuesday of each month. Accordingly, the next meeting will be held on May 4, 2010 at 6:30. We will continue to meet at 2535 Perkins Road unless the group would like to make a change. We (will) ask Ken Kaye to update his calendar system to reflect this change.

Greg has finished the update of the Durham County Pedestrian Crashes map. It now includes 2009 crashes. Merry plans to publish the updated map on or about Friday, April 15, 2010.

Dale presented his preliminary work re-prioritizing sidewalk construction segments in the DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan. Current (2004 - 2008) crash data was used to generate new safety weightings (among other important criteria). A new spreadsheet has been created showing all decision criteria and proposed changes in priority. The proposed changes are currently under discussion by and among the Pedestrian Committee. Once the Committee is comfortable with the new presentation, it will be distributed to the Commission as a whole and then published (pending the Commission's acceptance and a decision to do so). The Sidewalk Projects map can be updated at that time.

While this decision model is a rational approach to the problem of allocating the City's scarce resources, it does not replace common sense heuristics. For instance, a certain area such as Holloway/Miami/Raynor might take priority as opposed to a particular sidewalk segment (as defined in the Pedestrian Plan). Intersection projects have not been re-prioritized (yet) which affords all concerned a great deal of flexibility in addressing the ongoing concern for public safety. The City Council has a great interest in sidewalk projects and the sidewalk petition process must be taken into consideration too.

Dale announced that the NCDOT will hold another public meeting regarding the East End Connector (from N.C. 147 to US 70 north of Holloway Street) later this month (TBA -- April, 2010). Members of the Pedestrian Committee plan to attend so that they might comment on pedestrian and bicycle elements of the many planned surface road changes that will take place as a result of this significant freeway project. Dale predicts that this project will be started in the reasonably near future. The state has acquired most, if not all of the right-of-way in what is now (for the most part) open and undeveloped land.

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Communications Committee (CommComm) meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 7:00 pm at Alivia's downtown

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ken Kaye	Jack Warman
Alan Dippy	Steve Saltzman
Dale McKeel	Merry Rabb
Jessalee Landfried	

1. NC Central

Dale invited two guests from NC Central, a student intern and a staff member from their Recreation group. We discussed the current state of bikes and cycling on campus (minimal), and gave them information to link to our own website plus others in the community who might be able to guide them into a more bike-friendly situation. We'll stay in touch with them through the summer and possibly meet again; this was just an introductory talk.

2. Earth Day Festival – Saturday April 24 – Bike Valet service

Dale and Alan are leading BPAC's efforts on this one. Alan is collecting BPAC names for shift duty during the fair (setup + noon-5 + teardown), and Dale is working out logistics (barricades, tag system). Ken will get the bike racks from REI and deliver them to Dale Friday morning before the event.

3. Bike to Work Week activities.

Reprinting the existing Duke/Durham/RTP schedule below. Ken is working on getting food commitments from Alivia's and Five Points area (not completed yet). Ken will let BPAC know if there's a shortfall requiring BPAC attention.

Basic schedule looks like this.

Tuesday morning	Duke campus
Tuesday evening	Duke campus
Tuesday evening	RTP Imperial Center
Wed morning	RTP , southern ATT trailhead (NC 54)
Wed evening	Durham After Hours – Alivia's (pending)
Thurs morning	Durham Biker's Breakfast (trying Thurs instead of Fri)

4. Education/Outreach

Ken will be teaching his first public bike skills/safety workshop at REI Southpoint this week. Thursday evening 7-8 pm. Hopefully this will be the first of many opportunities to reach the Durham cycling public.

Durham Y is interested in having an expert guide for member rides using the ATT during the summer; Ken is negotiating with Y staff on dates/parameters