



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

September 21, 2004 ■ 7:00
PM
Durham City Hall
Durham, NC 27701

Members Present: Phillip Barron, Aaron Cain, Diane Daniel, Heather Fisher, Jimmy Gamble, Bo Glenn, Tim Griffin, Paul Naylor, Pete Schubert, Mike Wolosin
Members Absent: Excused absences: Judy Martell, Perry Pike
Staff Present: Alison Carpenter, Felix Nwoko
Public Present: N/A

I. Call to Order

Chair Heather Fisher called the meeting to order.
Acting Secretary was Mike Wolosin.

II. Approval of Minutes

The August minutes were approved without any changes.

III. Adjustments to the Agenda: Announcements and Public Comment

Pete Schubert added an item under "Old Business": discussion of the cover letter to TTA for 60% review comments.

Heather Fisher announced Wednesday, Sept 22 (Car-Free Day) would be a code yellow ozone day.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Old Business

1. Upcoming Events

- International Car-Free Day -- Celebration downtown, September 22 from 7am-2pm.
- Duke events -- Mike Wolosin announced two bike advocacy events at Duke. There were bike fix-up booths on campus on Sept 20 & 21, where over 100 bikes were checked over for free by volunteer Duke students & staff. Also, an advocacy ride is

planned for Wednesday, Sept 22. Over 100 Duke students & staff are expected to join the ride from east to west campus. The finale will include a presentation of bike/ped recommendations to University administrators.

- East Coast Greenway Event – Diane Daniel has been working with other local groups to organize a potluck for cyclists riding in the Maine to Florida tour. The group will be spending a night in Durham, and a potluck will be held in honor of their visit on October 13 @ 6:30pm in the Durham Armory. Guests are asked to bring a dish. RSVP's can be sent to Diane.
2. BPAC Website Update – Phillip has received FTP access to the MPO webpage server. Now that this access is available, the BPAC website construction may begin as time allows for web design. Felix Nwoko commented that TJCOG (Ben Bacon) will be working on update to official MPO bike/ped page in near future.
 3. Update on Duke University contacts – Mike Wolosin is working with a group of bike advocates on Duke's campus, with the hope of establishing an officially recognized transportation subcommittee of the Duke Greening Initiative. Mike will be meeting with the group soon to map suggested routes around Duke and will bring map/recommendations to BPAC when available. Alison had an introductory meeting with Cathy Reeve to discuss bike/ped improvements at and around campus.

As an aside, Mike Wolosin mentioned that Duke Transportation Services staff is not well-equipped with GIS data of campus. Phillip mentioned that a Duke public policy professor asks BPAC for project ideas each year; he suggested that GIS data collection for campus be recommended as a student project at that time.

4. TTA Comments Discussion – Pete Schubert presented a cover letter to the commission, intended to accompany BPAC's 60% review comments to TTA. The letter was approved with several changes, including a 'thank you' to TTA for their presentation to the commission, as well as the addition of courtesy copies to Mark Ahrendsen, City Council and the County Commissioners.
5. Bike Maintenance Class – Phillip Barron presented a proposal to host or subsidize advanced bike maintenance classes for the public. He suggests that more people would benefit from free or reduced cost classes, and suggested that the commission help to offer such opportunities. Diane Daniel and Paul Naylor suggested that BPAC work with REI to try to offer reduced-rates for such classes, since the shop already hosts these events. Phillip will follow up with REI on partnership options.

VI. New Business:

1. Center of the Region Bike/Ped Planning Effort – Pete Schubert presented maps to commission members from the Center of the Region (CORE) planning project and explained the project purpose. TJCOG is organizing the project, which brings information and expertise from RTP, Durham, Raleigh, Mooresville, Cary, Apex and other Triangle-area entities together in order to map & identify bike/ped routes, as well as coordinate on gaps,

barriers and opportunities in the existing & planned bike/ped networks. Pete requested that Alison follow up with Ben Hitchings from TJCOG as to how the commission might be involved in this project.

2. Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee nomination. Alison reported that staff is working on the RFP to hire a consultant for the NCDOT pedestrian planning grant. Staff anticipates a January/February kickoff, and will establish a steering committee and a technical committee. Looking for BPAC member nomination for former at next meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.