

# **Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)**

## **Calendar Year 2007 Annual Report**

### **I. Mission:**

The primary purpose of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission is to advise the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners on bicycle and pedestrian issues.

### **II. Structure of BPAC**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) was established in July of 2001. The Commission consists of 12 appointed members from the City and County, and three liaisons from existing City/County commissions – the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission, the Recreation Advisory Commission, and the Durham Planning Commission. A permanent City staff member is assigned to the Commission, and acts as Secretary. Elected officer positions are Dan Clever, Chair, Jack Warman, Vice-Chair, and Diane Daniel, Treasurer.

### **III. Presentations Made to BPAC**

- **Audra Foree, Triangle Transit Authority (January 2007)** – discussed plans and sought input from the commission for the 2007 Bike to Work Week events.
- **Corporal Stan McHenry, Durham Police Department (February 2007)** – discussed bicycle laws and enforcement in Durham.
- **Wesley Parham, Durham Transportation Division (April 2007)** – discussed the adopted bicycle and pedestrian plans and the development review process.
- **Larry Thompson, Easter Seals (February 2007)** – discussed the Ride Without Limits bicycle event to raise funds and awareness for Easter Seals.
- **Mark Ahrendsen and Phil Loziuk, Durham Transportation Division (August 2007)** – discussed proposed neckdowns on Duke and Gregson streets.
- **Battle Whitley, NCDOT Division 5 Operations Engineer (November 2007)** – discussed the NCDOT resurfacing program and how the commission can be involved.
- **Slade McCalip, Martin Alexiou Bryson (November 2007)** – provided initial observations on the effects of the Anderson Street neckdown project and sought feedback from the commission.
- **Jim Reingruber, Durham Budget Department (December 2007)** – discussed the process for developing the budget and Capital Improvements Program and opportunities for the commission to participate.

### **IV. BPAC Accomplishment and Activities**

#### *A. Development Review Activities.*

- Formed a Development Committee that reviewed and commented on hundreds of site plans.

- Participated in Development Review Board meetings.
- Reviewed recommendations from the adopted bicycle and pedestrian plans for revisions to the UDO, and met with planning and transportation staff to discuss.
- Reviewed and commented on the proposed design of several planned NCDOT projects, including Alston Avenue, Miami Boulevard, Hillandale Road, and the East End Connector.

*B. Communication and Outreach Activities.*

- Formed a Communications Committee.
- Staffed a bike-ped education booth at the Eno River Festival in July, the Farmer’s Market in September, and CenterFest in October.
- Sponsored two successful Bike to Work Week events in Durham. An after-work event on May 17 in the American Tobacco District was attended by more than 30 persons, and a breakfast event at Mad Hatter’s on May 18 was attended by more than 50 persons.
- Publicized the “DurhamBikePed” yahoo listserv to Durham citizens.
- Distributed bike and pedestrian educational materials, including “Basic Bike Commuting” pamphlet, Bike Safety for Motorists brochure, bike law card and promotional bumper sticker.
- Maintained a Commission website – [www.bikewalkdurham.org](http://www.bikewalkdurham.org). The site includes information on BPAC members and meetings, as well as general information on biking and walking in Durham and the surrounding area.
- Prepared and presented an annual report.



*2007 Bike to Work Week Breakfast*

*C. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Implementation.*

- Formed a Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee and Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee.
- Prepared summaries and progress reports for the bicycle and pedestrian plans.

- Reviewed and recommended priority projects for the draft Transportation Improvement Program.
- Advocated for bicycle friendly approaches to traffic calming on Anderson Street and other locations.
- Recommended priority projects to be funded by STP-DA funds.
- Recommended priority bicycle corridors in Durham County.
- Reviewed NCDOT resurfacing projects and recommended bike lane striping on portions of Erwin, Chapel Hill, and Sedwick roads. About 6.1 miles of bike lanes were striped in 2007. Durham now has about 19.9 miles of roads with bike lanes.



*Erwin Road prior to restriping (four motor vehicle lanes).*



*Erwin Road after restriping (three motor vehicle lanes with bike lanes).*

## **V. Focus Areas for 2008**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission held its annual retreat on January 26, 2008. The retreat included a review of 2007 goals and accomplishments and brainstorming of goals for 2008. Some of the goals have been assigned to committees while other goals are assigned to the commission as a whole. Among the goals for 2008 are the following:

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| <b>Goals - Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee</b>  |
| Author a digest version of the bicycle plan and publish on the BPAC website.                                      |
| Prepare a report on the progress of implementing the bicycle plan.  |
| Publish a Durham bike map.  |
| Ensure Phase 1 bike plan projects are implemented or scheduled.   |
| Build relationships with NCDOT and City/County staff involved in implementing projects that impact the bike plan. |
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| <b>Goals - Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee</b>   |
| Author a digest version of the pedestrian plan and publish on the BPAC website.                                   |
| Prepare a report on the progress of implementing the pedestrian plan.   |
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| <b>Goals - Communications Committee</b>   |
| Prepare a new handout item and logo   |
| Maintain a presence at the Farmer's Market or other community events  |
| Hold community outreach events in conjunction with Bike to Work Week  |
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| <b>Goals - Development Committee</b>  |
| Publish an internal calendar of city, county and state governmental activities that impact BPAC.                  |
| Recommend bicycle and pedestrian-related amendments to the UDO, as recommended by the bike and pedestrian plans.  |
| Build stronger relationships with the Planning and Transportation Departments                                     |
| Begin reviewing re-zoning requests  |
| Document all processes involved in site and zoning Reviews.   |
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| <b>Goals - Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission</b>   |
| Promote better regional cooperation on bicycle and pedestrian planning  |
| Increase the amount of attention paid to bicycle and pedestrian issues in more rural areas.                       |
| Improve contacts with government leaders and PAC groups.  |
| Expand the number of members of BPAC  |
| Increase listserv participants  |
| Increase outreach to and membership from minority communities.  |
| Monitor development of ATT Phase E  |
| Examine additional funding sources (including a letter to the 21st Century Transportation Commission)             |
| Maintain awareness of statewide bicycle and pedestrian issues and organizations                                   |
| Make the case for an additional bike-ped planner  |
| Build better contacts with Duke and NCCU  |

## VI. Closing

The members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission appreciate the opportunity to serve the City and County of Durham. We remain committed to our charge of assisting the elected boards in making Durham a better place to walk and bicycle. We hope that you will call upon us whenever our advice or expertise is needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Clever  
Chair



*UDO requirements and BPAC's involvement in development review have led to improved bicycle parking in Durham.*

## 2007 Attendance Report for the Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

| MEMBER NAME      | Jan-07 | Feb-07 | Mar-07 | Annual Retreat | Apr-07 | May-07 | Jun-07 | Jul-07 | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Phillip Barron   | EA     | P      | P      | P              | A      | P      | P      | EA     | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    |
| Scott Carter     | P      | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | EA     | P      |
| Daniel Clever    | P      | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      |
| Diane Daniel     | EA     | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | P      | EA     |
| Alan Dippy       | P      | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | EA     | P      | EA     |
| George Dubay     | P      | P      | P      | P              | A      | P      | P      | P      | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    |
| Jim Dunlop       | ---    | ---    | ---    | P              | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | P      |
| Greg Garneau     | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | P      |
| Henri Gavin      | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | EA     | EA     |
| Robert Glenn     | P      | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | EA     | EA     | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      |
| Tim Griffin      | P      | EA     | P      | P              | P      | EA     | P      | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      |
| Ken Kaye         | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | P      |
| Mary Malicki     | EA     | EA     | A      | A              | A      | A      | EA     | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    |
| Judy Martell     | EA     | P      | P      | P              | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | P      | P      | ---    | ---    |
| Lars Trost       | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | P      |
| Pete Schubert    | P      | P      | EA     | P              | EA     | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      | P      | P      | P      |
| Linda Huff Smith | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---    | P      | P      | EA     |
| Jack Warman      | ---    | ---    | ---    | ---            | ---    | ---    | P      | P      | P      | P      | EA     | P      | P      |

**P = Present**

**A = Absent**

**EA = Excused Absence**

**---** = Not a member at the time of this meeting