

MINUTES

January 21, 2012 Annual Retreat

Members Present: Toby Berla, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Jim Dunlop, Ninna Gagnon, Greg Garneau, Lou Goetz, Erik Landfried, Jonathan Leach, Mathew Palmer, Merry Rabb, Dwayne Taylor, Lars Trost

Members Absent: Teiji Kimball

Staff Present: Dale McKeel, Bergen Watterson

Liaison Present:

Guests Present: Brian Williams

A. Review of Retreat Agenda and Goals

- ◆ Scott started the meeting, and introduced guests and new members

B. Recap of January 19, 2012 Roundtable Discussion with Representatives Earl Blumenauer and David Price

- ◆ Reps. Blumenauer and Price attended an hour-long discussion at the American Tobacco Campus. Scott represented BPAC, along with other bicycle/pedestrian leaders in the Triangle. Other members also attended. One item taken from the meeting was holding a Durham summit. There were many advocates in the meeting that represent groups that don't routinely get together to discuss key subjects. There will be a North Carolina Bike Summit at NC State's McKimmon Center in October.

D. Extended Introductions and Q&A

- Scott asked everybody to introduce themselves.

E. Review BPAC Duties/Powers

- Scott reviewed the Purpose and Duties of BPAC as listed in the bylaws and interlocal agreement.

F. 2011 in Review – BPAC Annual Report to Elected Officials

- Scott showed the presentation he made to the Council and Board in December. A list of projects completed in 2011 was distributed.

G. What is World Class?

- Scott showed a YouTube video from Copenhagen on bike transportation and facilities.

H. 2012 Goal Setting

- Overall Committee Goals

- How does BPAC become more influential?
 - Establish stronger connections with the Council and Board
 - Establish/continue programs to connect to the non-engaged population
 - Support/coordinate existing programs that advance BPAC goals and vision
 - Provide central place for bicycle/pedestrian information
 - Engage business community
- Increase bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure
 - Hold city/county officials accountable
- Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, Engagement, Evaluation
- Increase involvement in BPAC activities/goals
- Review BPAC Organizational/Operational structure
 - Change committee reports at full commission meetings
- Work towards achieving Silver status (Bike Friendly Communities)
- Improve infrastructure connection to R. K. Bryant Bridge and NECD community
- Support/Advocate for increased City role in Open Streets
- Develop Safe Routes to Schools plan for Durham (youth mobility plan)
- Bicycle Counts (ATT, other locations)
- Update Bike Maps (Printed maps, maps on website for various information items)
- Create Durham Summit
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1. Development Review Committee (Dan Clever)

First Thursday, 6:30 pm, Sunset Grill

- Establish “standard review comments” list to facilitate plan reviews
- Create Plan Review “Tutorial”
- Increase membership
- Comprehensive Plan Revisions
- Detail for Bike Parking

2. Bike Plan Implementation Committee (Greg Garneau)

Second Thursday 6:30 pm, Geer Street Garden

- Advocating Durham-Chapel Hill connection
- (Other items included in January committee minutes.)

3. Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee (Erik Landfried)

First Tuesday of month, 6:30 pm, location TBD

- ◆ Increase Ped/Bike resources at City
- ◆ More regular appearances in front of Council and Board
- ◆ Tracking progress of Pedestrian Plan
- ◆ Share infrastructure progress with general listserv and population
- ◆ (Other items included in January committee minutes.)

4. Communications Committee (Merry Rabb)

Second Wednesday, 7 pm, Beyu Caffe

- ◆ (Other items included in January committee minutes.)

- ◆ Map on website to track projects
- ◆ Connect BPAC activities with appropriate neighborhood group communications
- ◆ Get Commission agenda out to public earlier to encourage more attendance/involvement

D. Summary / Review Action Items

- Executive committee to review goals and committee structure
- Members to review/edit list of goals

E. Group Photo

- During a fire drill, pictures of the commission were taken.

K. Adjournment

- ◆ The retreat ended at 1PM.

In attendance were: Dan Clever, Erik Landfried, Ninna Gagnon, Merry Rabb, Mathew Palmer, and Greg Garneau (Convener)

Safe Routes to School

The Pedestrian Plan Implementation Committee and the Bicycle Plan Implementation Committee met jointly at Erik Landfried's suggestion. This was done to save time because Mathew Palmer wanted to present an overview of the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) which is relevant to both Committees. Mathew explained SRTS, detailed the "5 E's", discussed existing projects, and outlined future opportunities for Durham to pursue SRTS grants that might fund sidewalk and bicycle routes to Durham schools. The joint Committees expressed a commitment to pursue this opportunity and will use the sidewalk and bicycle project maps (among other tools) to identify projects that are most eligible to receive this funding. As a follow up -- Greg will look at the formula used for prioritizing bicycle routes and the presence and weighting of Durham schools in that process. The sidewalk project weighting and prioritization model has been well explored and updated by BPAC. (As a practical matter, all that might be needed is to mark the location of Durham public schools along the prioritized bicycle routes.)

Club Boulevard

Greg reported that his effort to have the neighborhood association reconsider its design for speed reduction along this planned bicycle route came to nothing. It involved residents of Club Boulevard (in the affected area who bicycle) and who have personal contacts with the neighborhood association. Carl Sundstrom had kindly provided an alternate design (similar to BPAC's proposal of a year ago) -- but it was rejected out of hand.

Maps on the BPAC Web Site

Greg was asked about updates and informed the Pedestrian Plan Committee that their map will receive a preliminary update from Dale McKeel and his intern. The newly reprioritized segments with more practical endpoints (long segments were divided into two or more projects) will be mapped using GIS and then uploaded to create a new map. Progress against the current plan will be reflected too. Greg will work on the update as needed.

Other Business

Greg is waiting to hear from Dale McKeel as to the how and where of updating the Top Projects of the Bicycle Plan Map.