

MINUTES
June 19, 2012 Meeting

Members Present: Toby Berla, Randy Best, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Ninna Gagnon, Erik Landfried, Jonathon Leach, Mathew Palmer, Merry Rabb, Dwayne Taylor

Members Absent: Jim Dunlop, Greg Garneau, Lou Goetz, Cynthia Van Der Wiele (all excused)

Staff Present: Felix Nwoko

Guests Present: Walt Shekrota

A. Introductions

- ◆ Tonight is Dan Clever's last meeting as a member of BPAC. On behalf of the commission, Scott thanked Dan for all the work he has done for BPAC over the years he has served.
- ◆ Welcomed a new BPAC member: Jennifer McDuffie.

B. Approval of Minutes

- ◆ Jonathon pointed out that the name of Brant Street is misspelled in the list of Bike and Ped Counts on page 3. Dan moved to approve the May minutes as corrected. Randy seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

C. Adjustments to the Agenda

- ◆ Scott proposed that we move the presentation by Walt Shekrota up to happen before committee reports.

D. Announcements

- ◆ Ninna thanked those who came to Open Streets in North East Central Durham on June 9th. 450 people attended the event.
- ◆ Tour de Fat is on Saturday, June 23rd. More volunteers are needed.¶

E. Public Comment

- ◆ None.

F. Committee Reports

1. Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

First Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Sunset Grill

- ◆ Meeting was held on Thursday May 3, to avoid a conflict with a bike month event.
- ◆ Attending: Dan Clever, Jim Dunlop, Linda Huff, Jonathon Leach, Merry Rabb, Dale McKeel¶¶1. The majority of the meeting was spent on walking through the site plan review checklist with Jonathon, Merry and Linda while looking at site plans for a Waffle House on T.W. Alexander. The session provided tremendous feedback on the format of the checklist.

Merry, Jonathon and Linda agreed to review a new site plan after the meeting, and all 3 have submitted comments.

- ◆ We briefly reviewed a development plan for Brier Creek Townes, which is near Brier Creek along Andrews Chapel Road. We asked that bike lanes be provided along Andrews Chapel Road, as well as Del Webb Arbors Drive, which is a collector that would run through the development. The collector appears as a dotted line in the bike plan (that is recommended to receive bike lanes).

2. Community Engagement Committee Report (Mathew Palmer)

First Tuesday of month, 6:30 pm, Geer Street Garden

- ◆ The Community Engagement Committee met Tuesday, June 5th, 6:30pm at Geer Street Garden.
- ◆ During our meeting we covered several topics and assigned working groups accordingly:
- ◆ The committee targeted the development of three surveys: 1) Durham residents; 2) Durham Public School parents; 3) Durham businesses
- ◆ In respect to distribution channels, we're looking at using the BPAC and neighborhood listserves (through INC) for the resident survey; dissemination of Parent Surveys and Student Travel Tallies through Durham Public Schools; and dissemination of business surveys through Downtown Durham, Inc. and the Durham Chamber of Commerce existing networks
- ◆ Next steps: Get on INC's agenda for July/August in order to make presentation and hold brief discussion on neighborhood dissemination strategy; review CEC/BPAC powerpoint via shared Google Doc; communicate with DPS on best strategy for rolling out Parent Survey and School Travel Tallies (Safe Routes to School); consult with Carrboro on the development of their Bicycle Friendly Business survey; begin developing semi-structured question (3 to 4) for neighborhood, business, and school communities

3. Bike and Pedestrian Plan Implementation and Evaluation Committee Report (Greg Garneau)

Second Thursday 6:30 pm, Sunset Grille

- ◆ Met on June 14, 2012
- ◆ Attendees: Scott Carter, Dale McKeel, Debbie West, Heidi Carter
- ◆ Minutes:
- ◆ US Bike Route 1 update. Scott talked with Branson last week who said that NCDOT has now posted the updated route for USBR1. So, despite the fact that Branson was talking to the DOT bike-ped coordinator about his proposal to help identify the new route through the triangle, the decision was made on the new route in parallel. The route goes through Cary and does not line up with the route proposed by Branson and others.
- ◆ ATT Phase E progress (after 4 days of construction). Trail closed signs and plastic tree protection fencing have been put up from Scott King Rd to Chatham line. The rest of the trail north to Renaissance is expected to be closed starting June 18.
- ◆ Main Street water line / resurfacing update. On track within a week or so.
- ◆ Bike/Hike map update. The final map was released to the printer and 7K copies were ordered. We expect to have these back before the Eno Festival.

- ◆ Bike/Ped counts update. The location information from last month was sent to the team performing the bike counts, and they have already performed the counts and are compiling and formatting the results. We can invite a rep from this team to come to the July or August BPAC meeting to present the results.
- ◆ Bull City Bike Racks proposal. Scott has arranged to attend the next Durham Public Art Committee meeting on Tue June 26 to present the proposal to explore a project to create Durham-themed bike racks in the form of public art. In a separate discussion, Dale spoke with Steve Saltzman and Malcolm White, who are affiliated with the Rotary Club, about possible interest in sponsoring this type of activity.
- ◆ City budget update. As part of the next year budget, a new position is being funded in the Transportation Dept that will focus on Durham projects. Though not specifically bike/ped, this position will help with some bike/ped projects and will help offload Dale on some responsibilities, so this should be a net benefit for bike/ped. – In addition to staffing, an additional \$100K was budgeted for petition sidewalk requests.
- ◆ Other Road Striping Projects (Briggs, Stadium/Olympic, etc.)
- ◆ Section of MLK between Old CH and Shannon was just repaved and the bike lane widened.
- ◆ Morreene, Carpenter-Fletcher, Hillandale, and Cornwallis - engineering consultants have been solicited and proposals are being evaluated for the detailed design work. This design work is expected to start in late summer. All of these projects are mostly or fully funded.
- ◆ Oak Grove Pkwy. This is part of the Grove Park neighborhood. Currently the main road in this neighborhood on one side of 98 has bike lanes, and the neighbors have asked for the main road on the other side of 98 to also have bike lanes. Just a striping project. Will be done this season.
- ◆ Gregson. One or more neckdowns are holding water and are creating a problem for residents. Project underway to create a curb channel to allow the water to flow.
- ◆ Old Durham-CH Road project. CH town meeting to decide whether to move fwd despite the increased cost. Looking at value engineering ideas. Durham is probably going to go ahead independent of CH.
- ◆ Sidewalk Repair and Construction. Sidewalk projects on Markham, Club, and Lakewood are underway. Another contract is close to being let for the next set of projects, most of which is focused on repair and curb ramps.

4. Education and Encouragement Committee Report (Merry Rabb)

Second Tuesday, 7 pm, Beyu Caffè

- ◆ If you can help with the Bike Valet Parking for the Tour De Fat on Saturday June 23 please go to <http://ncactive.org/content/tour-de-fat-2012-volunteer-signup> and sign up (you need to do this to get the free t-shirt and beer token I think), and also please let me know if/when you can help so that I can start building a schedule and determining how many additional people we need to recruit. Last year we had two valet parking shifts - one starting in the morning after the bike parade, and one starting in the early afternoon. Our greatest need is in the morning to handle the high volume of people coming in from the parade ride who line up to get their bikes parked.
- ◆ Eno Festival is coming up during the first week of July. Contact Dan Clever to volunteer.
- ◆ There will be no meeting of the Committee in July.

G. Updates from Liaisons

1. DOST – Toby Berla

- ◆ There will be a presentation at tomorrow's DOST meeting on the Duke Diet and Fitness Center wetlands proposal. Here is a concept image:



2. NCCU – Jonathan Leach

- ◆ Working on rescheduling the bike-to-campus event for this fall.

3. Duke University – Randy Best

- ◆ Brian is working on adjusting some bike rack locations.

H. Old Business

1. NCDOT Access to Transit Project (Dale McKeel, Erik Landfried)

- ◆ There will be a meeting next week at which findings will be presented. Erik will report back at the July BPAC meeting. Erik also noted that the Designing Better Bus Service plan was approved by the Durham City Council.

2. Triangle Pedestrian Education and Enforcement Campaign (Dale McKeel)

- ◆ No Update.

I. New Business

◆ Intersection of Stagecoach Road and NC 751

- ◆ Community member and bicyclist Walt Shekrota presented information about a recently added bike lane on NC 751 near Stagecoach Rd. The road was widened, and NCDOT decided to install a bike lane, perhaps because the widening needs to be continued further

north before a second traffic lane can be accommodated. Unfortunately, the result is that vehicles headed north on 751 are crossing the bike lane in order to get around vehicles waiting to turn left onto Stagecoach. This is a very dangerous situation for bicyclists. Scott will get in touch with Dale about the best way to get this situation rectified. We do want to encourage NCDOT to install bike lanes, but perhaps some different design guidelines are needed.

J. Staff Report / Questions / Announcements

- ◆ No update.

K. Adjournment

- ◆ *Randy moved and Dan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Toby Berla