



January 18, 2020 Retreat
9:30 AM

Meeting Room
Stanford L. Warren Branch Library

BPAC 2020 Retreat Notes

INTRODUCTIONS:

9:47AM

- Emily convened the meeting at 9:47am at the Stanford L. Warren Library.
- Present: Emily Egge, Dan Clever, Aidil Ortiz, Amanda De Hoedt, George Tait, Mike Moorman, Javiera Caballero, Susanne Schmal, Cecilia Gonzales, David Fellerath, Ed Rizzuto, Tricia Smar, Jessalee Landfried (Environmental Affairs Board), Dale McKeel (staff), and Brian Taylor (staff)
- Not Present: Heidi Carter

Susanne kicked us off with an icebreaker to let us get to know each other better.

BPAC GUIDING PRINCIPLES

9:57AM

- Group had a conversation about Vision Zero, Complete Streets and Mobility Justice
- People still want more how on these principles to see how they live in the real world
- Should likely incorporate language on how we prioritize collaboration with other groups
- Want to incorporate more on environmental justice in our principles
- New ways to describe our guiding principles will include language on environmental sustainability, collaboration, safety, and long term costs of transportation choices
- Emily will craft the language for a final draft
- Amanda made a motion to craft language on our guiding principles that includes language about safe, complete and equitable mobility networks with environmental and fiscal sustainability while ensuring partnership and collaboration. Motion passed.

APPLYING PRINCIPLES to the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

10:35AM

- Retreat participants were then broken up into three groups to collect ideas for the comprehensive plan based on one of the three frameworks BPAC uses (Vision Zero, Complete Streets and Mobility Justice).
- Participants had been given homework to read certain sections of the past comp plan as homework to prepare for this section.
- Each group investigated how their framework is currently reflected in Comp Plan, how it might be further incorporated in the future Comp Plan, what actions we can take to ensure this framework is considered, and what we can encourage staff to do to incorporate this framework.

Vision Zero/Safe Networks

- did not see safety as a vivid theme in the plan
- plan needs to more clearly name safety as a goal

- need to include more design approaches that could be included in the future comp plan
- 1/3 of crashes are in parking lots and private neighborhoods and maybe Vision Zero needs a strategy for this
- Ed, Dan, Amanda and Aidil will be working with Comp Plan to represent bike/ped issues
- ongoing data needs to be used as part of our response for increasing safety
- plan needs actually complete sidewalk and biking infrastructure in Durham instead of just planning a plan - specific implementation steps that we can monitor.
- work with Anne Phillips to see more of what she is doing is reflected in the comp plan and does she need a data partner to better map crashes so that we can know where resources should be hot spotted.

Complete Streets

- felt like past comp plan did represent complete streets a lot but needs to be enhanced and deepened by shifting emphasis to more comprehensive spaces rather than block by block
- future plan needs to make more transparent about
- BPAC can really support complete streets in comp plan by advocating for a complete planning process with comp plan, transit planning, and Go Triangle. Entities need to work together.
- We need to make sure that we put time on the agenda every month at BPAC to discuss how comp plan is going and how we are contributing to it. As big pieces of the plan are being reported out to community, we need to use BPAC meetings as conduits of community engagement.
- How can BPAC act as a convener to support gathering community feedback at various stages of the Comp Plan process? Can our public meetings be an avenue for this?
- BPAC may want to look into advocating for Durham to take back some of our state roads, to lessen the bureaucratic burden of road improvements (probably with a recommendation from PIE).

Mobility Justice

- Past comp plan names the mode of transportation but not the people impacted by transportation and that makes it hard to focus on whether the transportation is actually serving those most vulnerable in our community. There is no mention of gender, race or income and has only one or two references to people of varying abilities. The term para transit is also absent in the entire plan. T
- In the future name and acknowledge para transit since specific populations rely on this mode of transportation to fully participate in your city. Name the communities you seek to impact and how you plan to improve service for them. All of the populations listed in BPAC's mobility justice framework should be included explicitly in the language of this comprehensive plan. Emphasize that we are moving and serving people and not modes of transit (cars, bikes, etc.).
- BPAC members and our supporters can fill out the comp plan survey and transit plan surveys when they are available/open. Should collaborate with other advocacy groups and commissions to unify our message on this issue. Messaging should be shared with transportation department, city council, county commissioners and planning department.

- Meet with RAC and DOST liaison to see about unifying a message around this GP for comp plan.
- Racial equity and mobility justice values should be included in job descriptions for current and future employees
- There is also a transportation advisory commission that restructured and could be another partner on incorporating this into partnership with them.
- Better representation on our own commission of people from underrepresented backgrounds.
- We can work with current director of transportation to talk about the skills we think would be helpful to have more represented in staff at the department.

Overall question to continue to chew on.....Should the chapter in the comp plan be changed from “transportation” to mobility since we are all so much focused on people rather than transportation devices?

GROUP PICTURE

11:43AM

LUNCH AND THANK YOU NOTES

11:58AM

-BPAC members wrote thank you notes to BPAC members that have rolled off the commission in the last year.

SITE PLAN REVIEW TRAINING

12:15PM

-Emily and Dan showed the tools on how to review a site plan

- Tools:

> Trello: project management tool, houses all instructions and links, also where new site plans to review are posted. All BPAC members will be invited to join the Board. We also welcome non-commissioners who want to review plans!

> Site Plan Checklist: Step by step guide to reviewing a site plan. Digital version also has links to jump through document and directly reference UDO.

-Groups broke up into four groups to review the site plan for the NCCU Student Center. Groups worked through the Site Plan Checklist to generate comments for the Developer.

- Groups compared their results to the comments DevRev made.

Retreat adjourned at 1:30.