



# Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Department · 101 City Hall Plaza · Durham, NC 27701

January 19, 2020  
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
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## AGENDA

### Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences 7:09

- Meeting called to order by Amanda De Hoedt
- Update on new members and openings: Tony Patterson is new member to commission and our NCCU liaison
- Present: Aidil Ortiz, Susanne Schmal, Emily Egge, Michael Moorman, Dan Clever, Ed Rizzuto, Amanda De Hoedt, David Fellerath, Tony Patterson, Heidi Carter
- Absent: Javiera Caballero (excused), George Tait, Jazmyn Joyner, Shyla Napier
- Staff/Presenters: Dale McKeel, Bayan Alzubi, Leslie Tracey, Charlie Szold, Gail Leighton,
- Public: Dave Connelly, Paul Harvin,

### Adjustments to the Agenda 7:14

- none

### Approval of Minutes from December Meeting 7:15

- Emily moved that minutes be approved, and Ed gave a second. No edits.
- Motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comments 7:16

Dave Connelly wanted to share that the Bike Walk Summit is scheduled to happen in Fall 2021 in Durham, NC. Bike Walk Summit needs volunteers, committee reps, and summit director. Is calling on BPAC to volunteer and spread the word. Aidil and Ed volunteered.

### Presentations 7:20

#### Sidewalk Asset Management Plan and Condition Study (Bayan Alzubi and Aaron Hester)

- The over 600 miles in Durham will be reviewed for their conditions and community input will be accepted over the next 40 days to create a plan that will guide public works over the next few years in how to repair them using an equity framework.
- The plan should be delivered by end of 2021 to city council and department.
- Engagement Ambassadors are being leveraged for community outreach during this time and a field team is being trained this week to document a specific set of conditions throughout Durham's sidewalks.

- Ed: Need to be careful what terms we use so that it is inclusive of various ways that sidewalks are used.
- Emily notices a greater use of sidewalks and trails in greater volumes than before. How will that impact this work? Is this going to look at crosswalks?
  - Charlie: Not seeing use of sidewalks as an anomaly and hope that use remains high.
  - Charlie: Crosswalks will be documented.
- Tony: is this going to look at sidewalks that are missing?
  - Aidil: Fill out survey and document your missing sidewalks.
- Ed: Glad info is being gathered but is funding for fixing the improvements once the problems are identified?
  - Bayan: There will be a lot of sidewalk improvements for the future. This plan will help us decide where the resources will go.
- Amanda: Are there plans to update this data on a regular basis once this assessment has been done?
  - Bayan: Not sure about assessments this extensive, but the plan will identify where to start.
  - Gail: Part of the deliverables is for Precision Safe Sidewalks is to create a plan that you can follow and show progress over the next few years.
  - Charlie: Data will help city to focus on real places where change/repair will make a difference.
  - Dale: assessments are made periodically
- Susanne: How is crash data going to be used in this effort?
  - Aidil: Crash data is being pulled and will be hot spotted with data and GIS part of team.
- Ed: Is this work going to spread to County?
  - Heidi is willing to hear more about this issue. Ellen is now the new transportation professional.
- Emily: How will parking meters be documented to think about how they can be moved where they are an impediment?
  - Charlie: Will include it.
  - Aidil: Survey participants should feel comfortable putting it in their survey submission.
- Tony: Can you have the survey put on Durham One Call?
  - Aidil will look into it and ask them about calls/data related to sidewalks.

## **Committee Reports 7:50**

- Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)
  - Met last week and was excited to welcome Tony at his first committee meeting.
  - Trying to secure a BPAC retreat date in February.
  - Needs a new chair. Aidil nominates Tony.
- Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

- Development on Washington St.
  - Developer has responded to their comments
- Steve H. Visited meeting and was concerned about a site being developed near Ellerbe Creek. The designs met the needs of Bike Pet concerns but referred him to DOST on open space implications.
  - Will be meeting with members of DOST to talk about collaborating in the future. Also wants to ask the EAB members to join them.
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)
  - Been connecting with residents of Braggtown and have serious issues with lack of sidewalks.
  - Community feels they didn't have enough community input with where sidewalks are being placed.
  - Brian Taylor came to do a presentation to the committee
  - Talked a bit of Belt Line Master plan but not much.

### **Updates from Liaisons**

- Duke University (George Tait) = none
- Durham Open Space and Trails (TBD) = none
- NC Central University (TBD) = none
- Planning Commission (TBD) = none
- Recreation Advisory Commission (David Fellerath)
  - Been talking about the new park on Hoover Rd. A lot of public comment about it was in two major flavors. One was concern with lack of engagement of city soccer community. Then people from Merrick Moore community complained about lack of engagement with nearby neighborhoods.
  - Impact of increased traffic on Cheek Rd. was of concern.
  - Received a presentation from Lindsey Smart from DPR and Laura B. from NIS. The new director is hearing concerns about this issue. He is very impressed by how the Merrick Moore residents showed up. Has made plans to meet with those community members.
  - Aidil would like him to attend an upcoming meeting on Equitable Engagement.
  - BPAC would like for him to meet and present at a future meeting.
- Comprehensive Plan (Aidil Ortiz & Ed Rizzuto)
  - Aidil will send the survey to BPAC via listserv. This set of survey questions does include transportation objectives.
  - Ed - outreach team continues to meet.
- Other Community Updates (All) = none

### **Old Business 8:20**

- BPAC 2021 Retreat - Would like to do this with DOST and EAB to have a collaborative spring effort. Everyone needs to be a part of the doodle poll so we can nail down a date.
- May be able to include review of the Transit scenarios on the agenda.

- If we don't connect with EAB or DOST to attend, we may be able to connect with Vision Insights, AMIA, La Semilla, or other groups.
- Heidi will report back to see if BOCC has a Transportation Advisory Committee
- Hot topics may include: Downtown Durham Inc.'s streatory, or other topics like it, comprehensive ways to make streets safe.
- Commissioners should continue to send agenda ideas to Susanne.

**New Business 8:35**

- BPAC 2020 Annual Report (Dale McKeel)
  - Report needs to be submitted by end of February. Dale promises a draft to us before February's subcommittee meetings so we can give edits or thumbs up for approval at February meeting.
- Moment of Thanks for Emily Egge's Service as Chair (Susanne Schmal)

**Announcements and Updates 8:45**

- Emily shared article about highway removal to build more useful things in their place: <https://usa.streetsblog.org/2021/01/11/senate-considering-10b-highway-removal-bill/>

**Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 8:50**

- Give feedback on Comp Plan: <https://engagedurham.com/community-goals-and-objectives/>
- Submit responses to sidewalk survey: [www.engagedurham.com/sidewalkstories](http://www.engagedurham.com/sidewalkstories)
- Respond to request for edits from Dale for annual report
- Everyone respond to doodle about retreat
- Sharing call for volunteers for Bike Walk Summit

**Adjourn 9:00**

- Emily moved and Amanda seconded. Passed unanimously.