



February 19, 2019
7:00 PM

Committee Room
Second Floor, Durham City Hall

MINUTES

7pm Call to Order

Members Present: Gene Carleton, Dan Clever, Jeremy Thornhill, Ivona Piper, Emily Egge, Susanne Schmal, Aidil Ortiz, Greg Stewart, Mike Moorman, Cha'ssem Anderson, Amanda De Hoedt, Heidi Carter, Javiera Caballero

Not Present: Julia Katz (excused)

Staff: Dale McKeel

Members of the Public: Tom Ten Eyck, Jen McDuffie, Kendall Prosack, Mark Reep, Tris Ford, Tony Houser, Richard Hancock, Mark Pierce, Tom Huzij

7:02pm Adjustments to the Agenda

-none

7:05pm Approval of Minutes from January 2019 and Retreat

-edits to name (Suzanne is Susanne) and Julia has an excused absence.
-with edits both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.

7:10pm Public Comment

- Kendall Prosack came to talk about Bird Scooters.
- Ask users to take a picture of the vehicle after your ride is over to make sure parked correctly
- For every 1000 birds there are \$2.5 million annual earnings received by chargers. There are 300 employment opportunities provided by contract workers (1099 employees). Chargers have to be 18 years of age. Paid on every unit. Starts at \$5 and depends on how much charge each of them need and how far they are from main areas.
- 9pm is when the scooters have to stop operating. Put back out by 6 or 7am based on Durham's ordinance.
- Community mode is how you report damaged, poorly placed birds or other issues.
- Constantly in the event space doing safety outreach and community relations
- Their desired turnaround for responding to issues is 2 hours but they are usually answered in 45 minutes.
- There is a headlight on front and reflector on the back.
- The ordinance does not permit use of scooters on trails. They can geofence the scooter so they stop from riding in prohibited places. Scooter may stop or chirp. Are testing the options.
- Testing locking system to make sure they don't end up in the waterways.
- Kendall doesn't have info on lithium battery disposal and can come back to share info.
- Durham doesn't let people lock scooters or bikes on sign posts. Need instructions clearly posted on what they are allowed to do when locking the device even though it is "dockless".

**City of Durham has received 5 applications from scooter companies and is hiring a data management contractor to work with data provided by scooter companies. No word on when they'll be operating.

7:29pm US 70 Project U-5720

- Elmo Vance was key presenter for this information.
- This project for Hwy 70 is going to convert it to a Freeway type facility. This changed the speed and how you can get on or off this road. Will only be able to get on the freeway at interchanges. Alignment changes may allow for the use of the old pavement for the needs of biking and walking.
- There is committed funding for this project from NC DOT.
- There are two major options that they have right now.
- PIE instigated the desire for this presentation because of concern
- Presentation was made about this to the MPO board. Because of the change in alignment the old road can be used for something to improve bicycle and pedestrian resources in the area.
- Schedule is being updated and this fall 2019 is planning to come back out to the public for comment with the options designed thus far.
- Road is currently in the 2025 schedule for design build but if funding is available they'd like to have it built in 2023.
- In the future presentations, Gene would like NC DOT presentations to include how it incorporates Complete Streets and Vision Zero concepts.
- It is too early to tell what bike/ped resources will be appropriate there. Enhancements may fall to the city to fund.

Javiera Caballero is now our appointed city council liaison

8:20pm Committee Reports

-E3 Report

- Untokening is coming to Durham and Aidil will share more in March.
- February 28th event at Hayti as a continuing conversation for equitable engagement
- Are requesting volunteers for bike valet at Earth Day - more information to come
- Are planning Bike Month in May. First planning meeting is on Feb 26th. We will be doing a gap analysis to see what communities we are not reaching at this point in time.
- Submitted a grant for \$2k to help buy supplies and promote events to underrepresented communities to encourage biking
- Three new wayfinding signage options will be presented on Feb 20th at the Durham Armory from 4-6pm.

-Dev Rev

- No rezoning requests.
- Talked about gaps in sidewalks. New developments have to put in sidewalks but not to connect them to the next door developments.
- Submitted a letter for BPAC to review about the bike racks at new developments to meet certain standards. Letter goes to City/County Planning as amendments to the UDO. Will vote on it in March.
- City and Go Durham are trying to identify bus stops where bike parking is needed.
**Email Dale the locations and we can post a message on FB to get crowd sourced feedback.
- There is a growing trend of how level of service is being dropped in priority in exchange for safety.

-PIE

- Has not met because there is not PIE chair.

-Updates from Liaisons

-Duke - Jeremy is reaching out at Duke to new person. New contact is Tom Devlin, . Pretty new to the role. Did share that Duke is currently evaluating Bird Scooters and launching a pilot project this year to leave their privately owned bikes on campus this year. Students would also possibly have new fix it stations installed on campus.

-DOST- none

-NCCU - working with City of Durham and NC DOT to get cross walk at Fayetteville and Nelson. There are currently no pavement markings. Internal shift at NCCU is that parking is under the helm under Transportation Dept. instead of Public Safety. Now have the authority to turn the parking into biking storage area when the traffic shifts from cars to biking.

-Planning Commission - none

-RAC - Has done a trail assessment study to see what needs to be fixed with them. Have received \$3.4 million to make improvements. Where the \$ is going is already identified. Parks and Rec is going to request another half penny for new trail maintenance. Right now there is only a two person crew for all the trails in Durham. Will also be discussing new trail signage in the future.

8:45 pm Old Business

-Search for Transportation Director

-First phase of the search is run through a firm. Has gotten 30 applicants are now narrowing down the options even though search remains open

-In mid march will decide if they are ready to start interview process or collect new Applications

-Have agreed to have BPAC rep on interview process. Questions from BPAC have been shared.

-Annual Retreat Follow Up

-For next month, let's review our goals for this coming year. Committees should share their goals with Emily and Dale so they can put them all together in one document. Get your goals in by March 15th.

-Emily is using the retreat notes as a way to inform what kind of guest speakers and presentations we need to invite to BPAC meetings. This helps us learn what we need to know to be stronger in our work.

-If you want to learn more about equity, there is a REI groundwater training this Thursday at the Carolina Theater.

-Emily proposed that one way to engage more of the public is to host a few meetings in a different format. Proposed to take May and October meetings and will not be in City Hall. Maybe May can be more focused on biking and October can be more focused on pedestrianism.

**Jeremy moved and motion was unanimously passed to extend meeting by 10 minutes.

-Group observed bad sidewalks along Fayetteville and more work needs to be done to bring that to City's attention. I.e. community work, flooding Durham One Call, PIE letter

9pm New Business

-Dale, Julia, Michael, and Greg attended the Safe Streets Conference. National Complete Streets Coalition and Durham was one of three cities selected. Primarily city staff but Tricia Smar is also involved.

-Each team is responsible for a local demonstration project. Selected the area in front of Club Blvd by Northgate Mall. Developing a survey (still in draft form) and will speak with community to get their input.

-Budget of \$12k.

-Want to implement cross walk improvements in April. Asked that BPAC would write city council for support when time came to vote on the project.

-Had a lot more of a focus on engagement than was previously thought.

-Dan Clever shared that a meeting will be coming up with Go Triangle and would like to invite a member of BPAC to attend. Meeting not yet scheduled.

-Update on three openings on the BPAC commission. Two qualified applications are being forward to city council in a few weeks. So we may get new members soon.

9:10 Adjourn