



April 16, 2019
7:00 PM

Committee Room
Second Floor, Durham City Hall

Minutes

I. Call to Order, Introductions, Excused Absences 7:00

-PRESENT: Ed Rizzuto, Greg Stewart, Michael Moorman, Susanne Schmal, Ivona Piper, Emily Egge, Julia Katz, Aidil Ortiz, Amanda De Hoedt, Cha'ssem Anderson, Dan Clever, Jeremy Thornhill, Heidi Carter, Javiera Caballero

-ABSENT: None

Others Attending: Dale McKeel, John Kent, Jen McDuffie, Volker Blum, Tom Huzij, Tom Ten Eyck, Dan Gelinne

II. Adjustments to the Agenda 7:05

-Going to strike the review of BPAC goals, review of state legislation from this month's agenda
-Adding support of resolution for DOST CIP and an update on meeting of Commission chairs

III. Approval of Minutes from February and March Meetings 7:06

-Motion to approve made by Amanda. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comments 7:09

-Jen shared Bike and Walk to School Day in May. 12 schools are participating so far. Needs volunteers for the days that are scheduled on May 8th. She will send a volunteer form to let people sign up. Walkbiketoschool.org for more info.

-Walker came by with a question for the group about biking and trails. Erwin road is used by a lot of people with bicycles. Duke's president has said they are interested in improving bike safety on west campus. Noticed that all transit money is not being used, that maybe the money can be used for trails. Emily suggested taking the majority of this discussion to the PIE committee so they can provide a recommendation to the full commission. Erwin is an NC DOT controlled road which complicates the issue. It was also suggested that Walker attend the MPO meetings because they tackle the regional connectivity issues related to transportation.

-Heidi shared that process is being wound down and that Go Triangle is going to do community listening for the next year to define the next best solution.

V. Presentations 7:23

Presentation from UNC Highway Safety Research Center (Dan Gelinne)

-Given commitment to Vision Zero, this presentation came out of the feedback from retreat.
-Work some with the department of city and regional planning. Primarily work on research and not teaching. Bid on projects throughout
-Focus on if you change the roads in certain ways how does that impact safety. Focus on engineering. Mostly growing work in bike/ped safety.
-Creates guidance documents for federal and state transportation agencies so they can put research findings into practice.

- Houses several national centers and programs: collaborative sciences center for road safety, walk friendly communities, ped/bike info center, crash modification factors clearinghouse
 - *some of these are great for digestible one pagers to give to elected officials
- Ann Phillips and Tricia Smar are working with them on their integration of safety and health data to make crash data more accurate.
- Will be presenting at a conference next week. NCCU is also leading a Walking Tour on the Monday of that conference.
- Looking at how Dev. review can capture crash risk as feedback to planning dept.
- just launched a web site on bike/ped data (pedbikedata.org)
- has a lecture series that takes place in Chapel Hill
- a clearinghouse on Vision Zero plans.
- Through UTC wants to do more training and workshop opportunities for work in the Triangle with community
- has students who are looking for field hours that they can lend to transportation efforts.
- there will be a summary report of the active routes to school work they've done
 - *there was a model that can be used in the future and needs advocacy from those who received the technical assistance
 - *Durham Co. has submitted a proposal for safe routes to schools to support that work over the next three years. Still waiting to hear if it will be funded.
- interested in tactical urbanism and AARP is local resource for this if we have ideas for Durham

VI. Committee Reports 8:08pm

Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Julia Katz)

- focused on Bike Month planning this month....have finalized most events
 - *need volunteers for Friday, May 3rd for Bike Month kickoff
 - *our May BPAC mtg will also be a public meeting for Bike month, location TBD
- received a grant for 50 helmets through NC DOT
- received a Durham 150 grant to do outreach to marginalized communities
- Durham's Earth day will also need volunteers for bike valet

Development Review Committee Report (Jeremy Thornhill)

- 5 rezoning requests
- solidified the amendments to their goals for the committee
- attended meetings about less functional bike racks installed at the innovation district and the need to meet performance standards in the ordinance...requested that UDO clarify language in a letter. Need to approve this letter this month because last month there was no quorum. Jeremy moved that the letter be approved as is. Motion passed.
- trying to maintain an updated list of plans that have been submitted on Trello

Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)

- DOST resolution has asked that we would endorse their request for funding in CIP.
 - Resolution was endorsed by BPAC. Motion passed.
- working on consolidating the URL's on to one google document where important information so commission can be find things easier
- gathering info on safety on ATT issues at Barbee/Fayetteville

Updates from Liaisons

- Duke University (Jeremy Thornhill)
 - Transit person is now gone. Actively looking for a community engagement person.
- Durham Open Space and Trails (TBD)
 - none

- NC Central University (Cha'ssem Anderson)
 - working on developing Bike to work station. Approaching the 1 year anniversary for requests on pedestrian improvements near campus for recurring issues. Still waiting on next steps on City of Durham. Findings were shared that showed that crossing on Lawson needs signals, flashing and striping. Looking into funding and costs. Need the numbers so they can include it in the NCCU budget.
- Planning Commission (TBD)
 - no representative
- Recreation Advisory Commission (TBD)
 - no representative
- Other Community Updates (All)
 - none

VII. Old Business 8:36

Search for Transportation Director- Status Update (Emily Egge)

-interviews were going to have 4-7 candidates next week, but now they have to push the interviews into May. Emily and Cha'ssem will be representing our interests on the interview panel.

2019 BPAC Goals Review and Approval (Emily Egge) - removed from this month's agenda

2019 State Legislation (Amanda De Hoedt, Dale McKeel) - removed from this month's agenda

DOST Equitable Engagement Resolution - Update & Potential Action (Aidil Ortiz)

-edits to this would be to change DOST to BPAC, remove the line about longer timeline, and in Article 3 change citizens to residents.

-Motion submitted to approve with amendments by Jeremy. Motion passed.

VIII. New Business 8:52

Response to Expanding Housing Choices UDO proposal (Emily Egge)

-Emily requested to move this conversation to May BPAC meeting.

Challenges to Cross Commission Membership

-Emily has been meeting to figure out how to mitigate attending double the meetings.

-Joint meetings are another idea. Having digital liaisons.

-Aidil will be Planning Commission digital liaison.

-Greg will be Recreation Advisory Council digital liaison.

-Susanne will be DOST digital liaison.

**might need to revisit our bylaws at the interlocal agreement

IX. Announcements 9:02

-Motion to extend by Julia. Motion passed.

-Transportation has a new staff person. Evan is now handling the scooter permitting program and the downtown wayfinding program. The other position is being re-advertised.

-Julia is part of a group that got Durham 150 grant for tactical urbanism. Working with Maplewood Square community. Will build a local crosswalk with a local artist. June 1st is when they are having the tactical urbanism event.

-Scooters are close to be in the streets. Had to wait on third party data company contract to be finalized.

X. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 9:10

-Amanda has plenty to post on FB and listserv.

-Aidil will share the EHC open house flyer on the BPAC listserv.

XI. Adjourn 9:10

-Aidil motioned to adjourn. Motion passed.