



**June 18, 2019
7:00 PM**

**Committee Room
Second Floor, Durham City Hall**

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

Present: Ed Rizzuto, Michael Moorman, Greg Stewart, Emily Egge, Jeremy Thornhill, Aidil Ortiz, Dwayne Atkins, Dan Clever, Susanne Schmal, Amanda De Hoedt, Javiera Caballero

Excused Absences: Cha'ssem Anderson, Ivona Piper, Heidi Carter, Julia Katz, Tricia Smar

Staff: Dale McKeel, Ellen Beckmann, Leslie Tracey

Public: Marc Maximov, John Kent, Jen McDuffie

Dale McKeel noted that three BPAC members are departing – Greg Stewart, Ivona Piper, and Jeremy Thornhill – and two new members have been appointed – Dwayne Atkins and Tricia Smar.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda 7:05

-Emily is striking EHC from the agenda for tonight and will need to ask if we're having a July meeting

-Michael wants to share a report from a training he attended

-Dale needs to touch base with us about the goals and the annual report

III. Approval of Minutes from April and May Meetings 7:07

-minutes approved unanimously

IV. Public Comments 7:08

-no comments

V. Presentations 7:09

-Move Durham - Central Durham Transportation Study Update (Ellen Beckmann)

-Kicking off phase 2 and there is now more info

-Starting public outreach and all the material should be up on the web site by the end of this week and announced by news release (we get a sneak preview of it in the meeting)

-Sets vision for transportation in central Durham and is the precursor to seek funding to implement projects for how we want the transportation to look like in 20-30 years

-Phase 2 will be elongated a bit longer from now until about August - this is different from the originally established timeline

-Looking at equitable access to transportation

-Developed an equity score to help the department pay close attention to certain geographic areas thinking about access to grocery stores, employment centers, etc.

-Overall vision is about affordable and equitable transportation

-Most cities have a decrease in transit use while in Seattle it is increasing and is a city with ideas that may be worth looking into

-Alta has been selected as the consultant and they've been willing to adapt the best they can to integrate as many of the equitable engagement blueprint principles as possible

-Found that the surveys were not as representative of Durham and reoriented some practices to get in contact with more underrepresented people of color

-In general, people didn't want as many cars and preferred to get around by walking.

-Priority Corridors have been chosen because the study area is so large that it needs some focus for recommendations (a few general recommendations can still be made)

-all the streets chosen are NC DOT roads

-the streets chosen took into consideration light rail (has to choose the streets early in process and the light rail project had not yet died) and the options that may be provided by shift in traffic patterns that will be altered by the East End Connector

-Have recommendations for the Durham Freeway that they'd like to give the NC DOT in advance of some possible funding for changes that may be coming

-Ways to get involved

-online tools, canvassing corridors to share a project information and outreach Opportunities, attend community events, etc.

VI. Committee Reports 7:50

▪ Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne)

- Bike Month was a huge success, but need better marketing. Great to grow partnership with Bike Durham.

- Planning another community based BPAC meeting and we may need an ad hoc committee to have more people present. It will be focused on walking to school.

- Center Fest will need some volunteers to do bike valet and to promo Vision Zero

- Will be pulling a list together of upcoming events to get volunteers signed up

- When it comes to spending money from the Bull City 150 grant in support for The Untokening is allowed as long as it follows what was written in the grant.

- Susanne wants to host a gathering for BPAC members to get to know one another

▪ Development Review Committee Report (Jeremy Thornhill)

-Will have a new chair - Dan Clever has accepted the position

-Reviewed and wrote a letter regarding the requested street closure of Oregon Street between Campus Drive and Erwin Rd. Because Duke owns all the land around this street and is currently a public right away. The university should be made to promise to preserve access to the road. Emily wants there to be stronger language. Duke has not submitted a unified site plan and are planning on taking over the sewer line.

-Javiera said that the Campus Rd. closure matter has been continued until the August 19th meeting.

-Should mention in the letter that maintaining it open to biking and pedestrian is consistent with findings so far in the MOVE study.

-Letter was approved unanimously

-Next meeting would end up on July 4th and need to set it on another date. Dan will look for an alternate date.

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

-Looking at on Fayetteville Rd. and what is happening at Solite Park regarding the road widening.

▪ Updates from Liaisons

- Duke University (Jeremy Thornhill) - Got no update but did hear from Carl who is now head of Transportation at Duke. Still don't have anyone filling a role in terms of bike safety infrastructure. Supposed to have that role filled in June but have not gotten this confirmed.

- Durham Open Space and Trails (TBD) - no update

- NC Central University (Cha'ssem Anderson) - city has been working on changes to Lawson St this week to improve crosswalks and bike lanes
- Planning Commission (TBD) - no update
- Recreation Advisory Commission (TBD) - no update
- Other Community Updates (All) - Ed shared that the Vision Insights group is doing another forum on para transportation, bus services and related topics on Friday, September 6th from 10am-12 at the Durham Lyons Center on Hillendale Rd.
 - **It was discussed whether BPAC should have their September meeting out in community. Emily sending out a doodle poll to check on people's availability for September meeting be at the Vision Insights group. Ed will check to see if VIP is interested in being our official September meeting

VII. Old Business 8:40

- Search for Transportation Director- Status Update (Emily Egge) - Emily has heard nothing.
- 2019 State Legislation (Amanda De Hoedt, Dale McKeel) -
 - HB 157 - bike registration - no action
 - HB 77 - electric scooter definition - passed house (aka SB 373, 620)
 - HB 966 - budget in conference
 - HB 144 - Handsfree NC - passed house
 - SB 271 - Durham speed cameras in school zones - no action
 - SB 287 - Durham reduce speed limit - no action
 - Amanda suggests that if there are bills that are actionable that BPAC write letters to elected officials and Bike Durham to get good advocacy around them

VIII. New Business 8:15

- 2018 BPAC Annual Report (Emily Egge)
 - Wanted this set of goals to have measurements on how to know if the goals are achieved
 - document was approved unanimously
- Will we have a July meeting (Emily Egge)
 - moved and unanimously approved

IX. Announcements 8:45

- EEE is meeting on July and August. Dev. Rev is looking for a new meeting. PIE will decide if they are having their meeting on Thursday of this week.
- We have three spots opening on the commission and we need to recruit heavily for people who want to be involved.
- Dale sent out info on the comprehensive plan and taking submissions until June 28th.
- The scooters are HERE!
- PB projects that won funding have been posted!

X. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 8:55

- Mike went to a training through Jessica Kemp Federal Hwy Administration and Highway Safety Research Center came to provide information and he will provide the slides to the group.
- Providing great info on how to reduce traffics, ideas for coexistence of various features in roads and data for lay people and to evaluate plans that impact the street designs.

XI. Adjourn 9:08

- Approved unanimously