

APPROVED Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2014

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission met on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 West Hargett St., Raleigh, NC, with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Alan Wiggs, Chair Corey Bates Mike Dayton Aaron Peeler Amy Simes

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager Jennifer Baldwin, Bike/Ped Coordinator Amanda Driscoll, Administrative Support

Excused:

Dr. Linda Butler Sig Hutchinson Charlotte Mitchell, Vice-Chair

I. Introductions

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bates moved for approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting which was properly seconded by Mr. Peeler and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

IV. Staff Report

Ms. Baldwin reported that the City launched a crowdfunding initiative to pay for artistic bike racks, stating that this was the first time the city had done anything like it. Ms. Baldwin reported that although the goal was not met, \$3,500 was raised and the City plans to reduce the scope of the project in hopes that bike racks will get installed in neighborhoods where those who donated live.

Ms. Baldwin stated that the 2014 BPAC retreat is scheduled to be held on February 7 at the Walnut Creek Wetlands Center. She reported that NCDOT will be giving an update on Peace Street/Capital Boulevard bridge projects at the retreat.

V. Committee & Members Report

<u>Chair's Report:</u> No report.

<u>Community Outreach Committee Report:</u> Mr. Dayton stated that the committee met with Ed Johnson, Safe Routes to School Coordinator for NCDOT. He added that the committee plans to reach out to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department to implement Safe Routes to School.



Bicycle Planning Committee Report: Ms. Wiggs reported that the committee voted to bring the Lake Wheeler Corridor Study back to the full commission table. Mr. Wiggs made a motion to endorse the study, which was properly seconded by Mr. Peeler and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Wiggs reported that the committee is still in communications with PNC Arena about holding a biking event there and is moving along in a positive direction.

Pedestrian Planning Committee Report: Mr. Peeler reported that the committee met with Matt Tomasulo and received an update on that the WalkableCity program is now the WalkableCity Lab. Mr. Peeler stated that Mr. Tomasulo had not received official buy in from Blue Cross and Blue Shield, but has given them the deadline of June to receive an answer.

Mr. Peeler reported that the Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) signals will be installed by March on Fayetteville Street.

VI. New Business

Mr. Matt Hayes, Alta Planning + Design provided an overview of the city-wide goals and project timeline pertaining to the Bicycle Pavement Marking Design Projects. Mr. Hayes reviewed the different types of bicycle infrastructure including shared lane markings, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, and cycle tracks and the benefits they would provide to cyclists. He added that while the City is looking at the potential installation of a cycle track, North Carolina does not have one yet and would require further analysis.

Ms. Baldwin provided a review of potential cross-section on various streets and added that North Raleigh Blvd., Durant Rd., Spring Forest Rd., and Strickland Rd. are being discussed with NCDOT because they are state maintained roads and will require restriping.

Mr. Wiggs opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Paul Nevill expressed concern about having bike lanes and sharrows on opposite sides of the street. Mr. Hayes stated that an education campaign will be necessary. He added that sharrows help guide cyclists to have correct placement on the road.

Mr. David Hall thanked the project team. He stated that he understand the limitations to Raleigh Blvd., but would be a great route for cyclists.

Mr. Jeff Totes asked what the process is for making changes to infrastructure if there is an increase in bicycle traffic.

Mr. Harry Johnson stated that uphill climbing lanes and downhill sharrows have been implemented in Asheville and they have not had any problems.

VII. Announcements

Mr. Paul Nevill announced that the St. Patty's Run Green is scheduled for March 1.

Mr. David Hall announced that the Oaks & Spokes Festival will be held April 4-14.





Mr. Wiggs announced that on January 28, NCDOT will hold a public meeting about Strategic Transportation Investments.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Driscoll

