
APPROVED Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2015

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission met on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Mike Dayton, Chair
Amy Simes, Vice Chair
Dan Howe
Harry Johnson
Paul Nevill
Aaron Peeler
Alan Wiggs

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager

Absent:

Evan Brigham (unexcused)
Linda Butler (excused)
Seth Palmer (excused)

I. Introductions

Mr. Dayton called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Johnson moved for approval of the March 16th meeting minutes, which was properly seconded by Mr. Howe and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Nevill indicated he and Mr. Wiggs had been contacted by a resident regarding the use of sharrows along Sawmill Road and how the application limits were selected. Mr. Nevill said the citizen was really happy with the installation and wanted more.

IV. Staff Report

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb reviewed the current active transportation projects. He noted that the citywide CMAQ striping project will be getting underway within the next two weeks. Mr. Dayton inquired regarding the planned road diet for Hillsborough Street and if a current bill pending in the Legislature would have any bearing on that project. Mr. Lamb indicated that the portion of Hillsborough Street included in the CMAQ project is City-maintained and would not be subject to this proposed municipal reform bill.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that the Commission's proposed sidewalk prioritization update was received by Council and placed in their Public Works Committee for additional consideration. He also noted that the Council's Comprehensive Planning Committee is unanimously recommending removal of the majority of peak-hour parking restrictions from Glenwood South, consistent with the Commissions previous recommendations.

City Staffing Updates: Mr. Lamb announced that he is working to reclassify and fill the vacant bicycle & pedestrian coordinator position soon.

Mr. Wiggs inquired about the timing of the Hillsborough Street road diet and associated green lane markings.

Mr. Peeler inquired regarding the status of the pedestrian code revisions. Mr. Dayton indicated he would check with the Commission's liaison, Council Member Russ Stephenson, to see if he could make progress with the City Attorney's office on this item.

V. Committee Reports

Chair's Report: No report.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill also reported that the committee discussed the "No Need to Speed" anti-speeding campaign that was handled by the City's Public Affairs Office. The committee recommended that this item be removed from the agenda with no further action by the Commission, which the Commission agreed without objection. Mr. Neville also reported that the committee discussed the upcoming Bike to Work Month activities and provided staff with feedback on the current program.

Bicycle Planning Committee: Mr. Johnson indicated that the committee also discussed the pending Bike to Work Month activities and had some additional ideas that would be discussed under the New Business item.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report.

Joint Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Committee: Mr. Lamb indicated that at the last Commission meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Update was referred to this committee. After a brief discussion, the Committee announced it would take up the item at a meeting on April 28th at 6pm.

VI. New Business

Bike Month Review: Mr. Dayton thanked Oaks & Spokes for aligning their City of Spokes Festival with Bike Month this year. Mr. Lamb reviewed the calendar of events for Bike Month with the Commission. Mr. Dayton asked staff to confirm that the Walnut Street underpass at Hammond Road was open and free of construction. The Commission agreed that a third pit stop location at North Hills would be desirable. Mr. Wiggs reviewed the Oaks & Spokes Festival schedule of events, which is available online at www.oaksandspokes.com.

Mr. Lamb asked the Commission about the proposed Bicycle Benefits ride, noting that the Community Outreach Committee and the Bicycle Planning Committee each had made differing suggestions about the event. Mr. Dayton indicated he would prefer to stick with a single ride on the morning of Sunday, May 17th, which was favorably received by the Commission.

VII. Announcements

Mr. Wiggs announced that there will be multiple crit rides held on the Dorothea Dix Campus soon. Mr. Wiggs also pointed out that there is a new building at Glen Lake on Edwards Mill Road near Crabtree Valley that features new dedicated bike parking inside the parking garage.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Lamb