
APPROVED Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2015

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Amy Simes, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Dr. Linda Butler
Dan Howe
Paul Nevill
Seth Palmer
Aaron Peeler
Alan Wiggs

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Jason Myers, Transportation Planner
Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent:

Mike Dayton (Chair)
Harry Johnson, unexcused

I. Introductions

Ms. Simes called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Peeler moved for approval of the June 15th minutes which was seconded by Mr. Palmer and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Ms. Whitney Edmiester stated she was interested in doing youth bike outreach in coordination with the commission in order to increase ridership especially with education and holistic health.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Jason Myers from the City's Office of Transportation Planning gave a presentation regarding the update of the 2009 Bicycle Plan. Mr. Myers stated that an informal steering committee is leading the update which is headed by the commission's bicycle planning committee. Mr. Myers discussed the schedule for the plan update, which included a meeting on September 17th, in November talks will be about the policies and programs at various open houses. Mr. Myers stated the draft plan should be presented to the commission in December, and after the public comment period in January the plan will be finalized and presented to council for approval. Mr. Howe asked about the commission's role in approving the plan. Mr. Lamb answered that the commission does most of the work involving the development of the plan, with final review and approval coming from the City Council. Mr. Brigham added if any additional outreach is needed about the plan update to contact the commissioners for outreach help.

BikeRaleigh Mobile Application: Mr. Lamb announced that the beta version of the BikeRaleigh mobile map application is now available thanks to a collaborative process between the transportation planning staff and the City's GIS staff. Mr. Lamb gave a tour of the map and stated it is compatible with any smart phone, and that in the future it will be available on app stores. Mr. Howe inquired if the application had a GPS connection and Mr.

Lamb answered that it did. Mr. Brigham questioned if the application had a translation of directions and Mr. Lamb stated it only had links to points of interest. Mr. Wiggs recommended integrating a link back into SeeClickFix, and Mr. Nevill also recommended a pop up legend be added. Mr. Lamb added there is future potential partnership with a third party application that could run in the background that gives feedback on cyclists' rides.

Bicycle Friendly City Application Review: Mr. Lamb gave an overview of the City's Bicycle Friendly City application to the League of American Bicyclists that was recently submitted to renew Raleigh's designation as a bicycle friendly city.

City Staffing Update: Mr. Lamb announced that the City is in the final stages of hiring its Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager. Mr. Lamb also announced the departure of Sydney Leonard, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Outreach Coordinator.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that there was a change in the City Code Evaluation for Pedestrians, specifically for the portions related to outdoor seating downtown. Mr. Lamb stated that the city is working on getting these issues resolved.

Mr. Nevill questioned a city project status on Lumley and Westgate Road. Mr. Lamb responded that the project was originally approved in 2011 with a transportation bond. The City recently completed public involvement for this project and is proposing to shift the emphasis of the project to Ebenezer Church Road.

V. Committee & Member Report

Chair Report: No report.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill stated the committee had two meetings on July 20th and another on August 13th. The committee is primarily working on getting ready to build a BPAC presentation for CACs regarding what the commission is and does. He added that the Wade CAC will be the first test run.

Bicycle Planning Committee: Mr. Lamb stated the committee met on July 13th. Mr. Brigham added that there will be a mobile bike ride meeting to take place this Saturday August 22nd at 9 am to evaluate the Art to the Heart pilot wayfinding project.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report.

Joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee: Mr. Lamb stated that the comprehensive plan update has slowed down its pace as the Wake Transit Plan will make the city go back to look at the comprehensive plan updates.

VI. New Business

Watch for Me NC Endorsement: Mr. Lamb asked for the commission's renewal of the endorsement of the Watch for Me NC program which is now statewide. Mr. Peeler moved to endorse the Watch for Me program, which was seconded by Mr. Palmer. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Nevill stated he saw the letter to the editor in the News & Observer from Professor John Pucher about speeding cyclists on greenways and inquired if it was a parks and recreation issue or should the commission look

into the problem. Mr. Howe responded that this could be a potential issue for the Parks and Recreation Greenway Advisory Board to take up.

VII. Elections

Ms. Simes yielded the chair to Mr. Lamb who called for nominations for chair. Mr. Peeler nominated Ms. Simes. Mr. Lamb closed the floor for nominations and Ms. Simes was elected chair by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lamb opened the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Mr. Howe nominated Mr. Nevill. Ms. Simes nominated Mr. Peeler as vice-chair. Mr. Lamb closed the floor for nominations and ballots were distributed to the commissioners. Mr. Lamb announced that Mr. Nevill was elected vice-chair, receiving six votes (Brigham, Butler, Howe, Nevill, Palmer, Peeler). Mr. Lamb yielded the chair to Ms. Simes.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Brigham reminded the commission that on Saturday August 22nd the Bicycle Planning Committee will be having a bike ride and mobile meeting. Mr. Brigham also announced that on August 22nd at 12pm Oaks and Spokes will be hosting a ride from downtown in cooperation with a concert in the Rose Garden from 10 am to 12 pm. Mr. Brigham also stated that Oaks and Spokes will have two more bike rides to the Rose Garden at 12 pm and 4 pm. Mr. Brigham further stated that WKNC Radio on August 29th will be having their Alleycat Scavenger Hunt bike ride at 12 pm.

Mr. Howe stated the September 12-13 is having a Bike MS event in New Bern, North Carolina.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Young