

APPROVED Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2015

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, November 16, 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, Chair
Paul Nevill, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Susan Hatchell
Harry Johnson
Seth Palmer
Aaron Peeler
Rebecca Proudfoot
Mary Sell

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Jason Myers, Transportation Planner
Sylvester Percival, Public Works Project Engineer
Susan Wilson, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager
Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent:

Dan Howe (excused)

I. Introduction

Ms. Simes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Young noted that the date for Cranksgiving was incorrect. Mr. Nevill moved for approval of the amended October 19th minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Adam Haller thanked the Commission for their part in getting bike lane markings on St. Albans Drive. He invited the Commissioners to join him at 9am on Saturday, November 21st for a ride down St. Albans Drive.

Ms. Laura Mitchell expressed her concern regarding vehicles not stopping at pedestrian crosswalks, particularly the YMCA on Hillsborough Street. Ms. Mitchell asked the Commission if anything could be done about this. Mr. Peeler responded that there have been targeted enforcement campaigns by the Raleigh Police Department at that location in the past, and Mr. Johnson directed Ms. Mitchell to get the license plate numbers of the vehicles.

Mr. Trung Vo stated that the Bicycle Benefits program page on the BikeRaleigh website needs to be updated.

Mr. Brigham inquired when the bike pump in front of Marbles Museum will be fixed. Mr. Lamb responded the replacement part is in his office and will be fixed shortly.

Mr. Nevill stated he received interest about the mobile app for the BikeRaleigh map and suggested adding a link to it on the BikeRaleigh website.

Ms. Simes expressed concern about leaves in bike lanes. Mr. Lamb responded that it is a matter of finding the right enforcement

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates:

Mr. Lamb reported that South Lenoir Street's two way conversion with significant reworking of the street which includes bike lanes, additional on street parking and some changes onto South Street. Mr. Lamb stated that some of the surplus pavement on South Saunders Street will be changed as well. Mr. Lamb announced that the Sandy Forks widening project has moved forward for construction.

Mr. Nevill questioned about the Cameron Village small area plans. Mr. Lamb answered that the next steps are completing the draft plan and bringing it forward to Council in early 2016. Mr. Brigham inquired if the plan could be presented to the Commission. Mr. Lamb responded that it could be arranged.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the CMAQ project status. Mr. Lamb responded that the contractor is tackling different areas of the project and now that the project has passed the completion deadline, the contractor is now facing liquidation damages.

City Council Updates:

Mr. Lamb announced that the new commission appointee from City Council is Ms. Susan Hatchell. Mr. Lamb also announced that Raleigh was designated Bronze status again by the League of American Bicyclists. Ms. Wilson stated that additional feedback on this will be given to staff in December or January.

Mr. Peeler inquired about the sidewalk pedestrian code. Mr. Lamb responded that staff is currently working with the city attorney's office and the updates will be introduced as one. Mr. Peeler questioned if the changes can be reviewed by the Commission, specifically the outdoor dining one. Mr. Lamb answered that a copy could be provided to the Commission.

V. Committee & Member Reports

Chair Report: No report.

Community Outreach Committee:

Mr. Nevill reported there was no meeting but there have been several presentations at Citizen Advisory Councils. Mr. Brigham reported there was low turnout for the Walktober event on October 24th but next year he plans on continuing the event.

Bicycle Planning Committee:

Mr. Johnson reported that the committee met and discussed the bike parking grant as well as parking in bike lanes. Mr. Johnson stated that there are three areas related to bike parking: parking on public property, in new developments bike parking is required for approval, and bike parking on private property.

Pedestrian Planning Committee:

Mr. Peeler stated that the committee met and discussed with engineers the technology that is used at midblock crossings.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Northwest Bike Initiative:

Mr. Michael Taylor of Stewart gave an update of the bike facilities planned for Lumley Road, Westgate Road and Ebenezer Church Road. After the presentation, Mr. Johnson stated he would like this item referred to the bike committee to discuss the alternatives proposed on the project and to give an endorsement. Ms. Simes referred the item to the next bike committee meeting on December 7th.

Bicycle Plan Update:

Mr. Myers gave an overview of the bike plan update. Mr. Myers stated he will present the complete draft plan to the Commission at the December 14th meeting and said he anticipates the final plan will be complete by February 15th.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Brigham announced that on Wednesday, November 18th House Bill 232 Study Committee has a meeting that is open to the public regarding the bill that will legalize riding to arrest on the road. Mr. Brigham reported that the Raleigh Christmas parade on November 21st Oak City Cycling Project is still looking for participants to represent the twelve days of Christmas.

Ms. Proudfoot stated that Cranksgiving takes place on November 22nd at 1 pm at the Crankarm Brewery.

Mr. Nevill announced the Ridgewood Turkey trot is taking place on Thanksgiving, November 26. Mr. Nevill added that the Wake Forest Gobblers run will begin at 8 am in downtown Wake Forest in Forest Park on November 26.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Young

