

APPROVED Meeting Minutes –January 25, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, January 25, 2016 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
Dan Howe
Harry Johnson
Aaron Peeler
Rebecca Proudfoot
Mary Sell

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Mukund Moghe, Project Engineer
Sylvester Percival, Project Manager
Bynum Walter, Senior Planner
Susan Wilson, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager
Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent:

Seth Palmer (excused)

I. Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nevill stated that the December 14th minutes should be corrected to reflect that the Commission combined the November and December meetings into one meeting in December for the calendar for 2016. Mr. Howe moved for approval of the amended minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the agenda to add a section for board comments after new business which was properly seconded by Ms. Hatchell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Ms. Molly Stewart addressed the Commission once again to talk about the City hosting an open streets event. Ms. Stewart discussed a proposed route for the open streets event and stated she plans to attend a City Council meeting on February 16th to present the idea. Ms. Stewart requested that the Commission takes on hosting the event. The Commission discussed holding a joint bicycle and pedestrian planning committee meeting to talk about the event and to coordinate scheduling a date for it.

Ms. Kristy Jackson spoke about the pavement marking projects that took place in late November of last year. Ms. Jackson thanked the City staff for taking on the project and questioned the Commission regarding pedestrians using the bike lanes during the recent inclement weather event. Ms. Jackson stated she believed the sharrows that were installed have no benefit.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Ms. Wilson stated that the CMAQ projects are being wrapped up and that there are only three minor items to complete that will be done the next day. Ms. Wilson added that the signal work on the Glen Eden loops is still being completed.

Mr. Johnson inquired about a cross section on Wilmington and Salisbury streets between Jones Street and Lane Street and how the pavement marking stops for a block and continues. Ms. Wilson responded that it was due to the occupant of that section of the street.



Mr. Nevill inquired about the lane usage on Hillsborough Street at the 2300 block where parking lanes were being used and they were marked as closed off during construction. Ms. Wilson said she will follow up on the issue.

City Council Updates: Ms. Wilson announced that the Council had adopted the new bike lanes into the traffic code.

V. Committee & Member Reports

Chair's Report: Ms. Simes reported she attended the No Hand King documentary and was impressed by it. She announced that the City has gotten a grant to fund a part time position in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department that is evaluating walkability throughout neighborhoods and trails. Ms. Simes expressed interest in having this position coordinate with transportation planning staff.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill stated the Committee held a meeting on January 21st and discussed upcoming presentations to Citizen Advisory Councils by Committee members. Mr. Nevill stated that the Capital Bike Ride is scheduled for May 6th.

Bicycle Planning Committee: Mr. Johnson reminded everyone that the comments for the BikePlan Update are due by January 31st. Mr. Johnson reiterated the Committee's continued discussion of parking in bike lanes and stated the committee would like staff to collect data on this to determine what will happen in these areas. Mr. Johnson also stated the Committee discussed people using bike lanes to pile up leaves and snow.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: Mr. Peeler stated that the Committee discussed mid-block crossings and that there is a police officer in Durham that the Commission could contact to invite to speak about what Durham is currently doing for pedestrian safety.

Ms. Kristy Jackson addressed the Commission and stated that she works at North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education and that they are currently working on a program to partner with police officers to work on a study involving midblock crossings. Ms. Jackson stated she would be happy to share this information at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Young reminded the Commission that the meeting calendar for 2016 with the revised meeting dates needed to be approved. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, which was properly seconded by Mr. Brigham and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VII. New Business

Sidewalk Project Review: Mr. Mukund Moghe of the Public Works department presented to the Commission information on new sidewalks planned on Crabtree Boulevard, Spring Forest Road, Millbrook Road and New Hope Road. Mr. Moghe gave an overview of the planned sidewalk installations that will connect to existing portions of the sidewalk network. Mr. Moghe stated the right of way acquisition for the projects will begin in August of this year and the project will begin in January of 2017 and hopefully be complete by October 2017. The Commission inquired about signal upgrades and utility relocations. Mr. Moghe stated there will be no utility relocations. Mr. Johnson made a motion to endorse the project which was seconded by Mr. Howe and passed with unanimous voice vote.

Cameron Village + Hillsborough Street Small Area Plans: Ms. Bynum Walter of the Planning department gave an overview of the small area plans. Ms. Walter stated there were nine planning strategies discussed as part of the plan

and presented the information regarding the bicycle and pedestrian areas of the plan. Ms. Walter stated a lot of the improvements would distribute and calm traffic through the area.

Mr. Howe recommended making Van Dyke an obvious way to walk if that is implemented. Mr. Nevill made a motion to support the plan which Mr. Howe made an amended motion to support the plan and discuss recommendations based on what the Commission discussed at the meeting. Ms. Sell seconded the amended motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Yonkers Road Improvement: Mr. Sylvester Percival of the Public Works department presented to the Commission improvements for a project along Yonkers Road that considered multiple alternatives. The Commission discussed connections on Ratchford and Atlantic due to greenway connections and potential issues with crossing driveways. The Commission also inquired about signage and Mr. Percival responded that will be looked into. Mr. Howe made a motion that the Commission support the project based on what staff recommends and that pedestrian improvements on Capital Boulevard and New Bern Avenue be looked into as part of the project. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Board Comments

Mr. Howe inquired about the feedback the city staff has been getting regarding the CMAQ project. Ms. Wilson responded that some has been negative but most of the feedback has been centered on downtown as well as Glen Eden and Tarboro.

The Commission discussed the Hillsborough and Cameron Village small area plan and the differences between the small area plan and the BikePlan Update. Mr. Howe expressed it would be beneficial for the bike plan to have a higher level of detail to be consistent.

The Commission also discussed inclement weather and how to handle facilities during this kind of event. The Commission agreed it would be a good idea to make public affairs aware of how to transmit information regarding getting transit stops shoveled or sidewalks cleared.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Nevill announced that on March 19th there will be a St. Patty's Run Green 8k run that will take place at the Raleigh Beer Garden.

Mr. Johnson reminded everyone of the next Bicycle Committee meeting on February 8th.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Young