

APPROVED Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett St, Raleigh, NC with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Paul Nevill, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Susan Hatchell
Dan Howe
Aaron Peeler
Rebecca Proudfoot
Mary Sell

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Lisa Potts, Senior Greenway Planner
Susan Wilson, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager
Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent:

Amy Simes, Chair (excused)
Harry Johnson (excused)

I. Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hatchell moved for approval of the February 18th minutes which was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Ms. Willamma O'Keeffe spoke to the commission regarding the need for sidewalks near Highwoods Boulevard and questioned if any will be installed. Mr. Lamb responded that city staff is in active discussion with the management staff of Highwoods regarding the issue of sidewalk installation.

Ms. Jennifer Kovalick questioned if speed humps could be added onto Highwoods as well. The Commission discussed the transit stops as well as the safety regarding Highwoods and Capital Boulevard.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb stated the Commission had the current up to date project list.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb announced that City Council approved multiple sidewalk projects along East Millbrook Road, Crabtree Boulevard, New Hope Road, Poole Road and Spring Forest Road. Mr. Lamb added there is a significant amount of construction work on the I-40 pedestrian retro fits on the Avent Ferry Drive bridge as well as the Six Forks Road sidewalk project. Mr. Lamb also announced that Council endorsed bike share.

Mr. Nevill questioned about Pullen Road extension which included bike lanes. Mr. Lamb responded the project intended to have a multi-use path component.

Ms. Wilson introduced Sergeant Andy Pugh was the contact for the Commission from the City Police Department.

V. Committee & Member Reports

Chair's Report: Mr. Nevill stated that Ms. Simes had no report, but he discussed the crash that happened on February 20th which involved four cyclists and included Mr. Mike Dayton, a previous chair and member of the Commission. Mr. Nevill asked the Commission to keep Mr. Dayton in their thoughts and prayers.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Brigham spoke about the Committee meeting that was held on March 7th. Mr. Brigham indicated he and Mr. Nevill are still visiting all of the Citizen Advisory Commissions and have been to about half. He also mentioned planning bike months events.

Bicycle Planning Committee: No report.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report.

Joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee: Ms. Hatchell reported that Ms. Molly Stewart attended the joint meeting to discuss an open streets event. The Committee stated that the event was no longer planned for October of this year and instead for 2017. The Committee has asked staff to do research regarding open streets events.

VI. Old Business

No report.

VII. New Business

Durham Police Department Bicycle Unit: Sergeant Brian Massengill of the Durham Police Bicycle Unit gave a presentation to the Commission about the Durham bicycle unit and what they do. Sergeant Massengill went over pedestrian safety enforcement, bicycle safety enforcement, and the policies and actions that have worked well in Durham.

Crabtree Creek West Greenway Trail: Ms. Lisa Potts from the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department introduced Mr. Mike Taylor from Stewart to present the Crabtree Creek Greenway Trail. Mr. Taylor went over the project history, design details, and construction schedule. Mr. Taylor reported that the project is set to go to City Council on April 19th and construction is expected to take 12-19 months.

The Commission had a few questions regarding the parking along Ebenezer Church Road as well as where the planned parking was going to be put.

VIII. Board Comments

Mr. Brigham inquired if the City has a bicycle unit. Sergeant Pugh stated that we do not have a dedicated unit but there are officers that do ride bicycles.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Brigham announced that on April 2nd the Tour de Brew is happening. Mr. Nevill stated that on April 3rd the Capital Area Ride for Safety is planned to raise awareness about bicycle safety and funding for the bicyclists involved in the Johnston County crash.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Young

