

APPROVED Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett St, Raleigh, NC with the following members present:

Commission Members:

Amy Simes, Chair
Susan Hatchell
Dan Howe
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:

Paul Nevill, Vice Chair (excused)
Evan Brigham (excused)
Harry Johnson (unexcused)

I. Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hatchell moved for the approval of the March 21st minutes which was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Ted Kuntsling addressed the Commission regarding his safety concerns on the bicycle lanes on Glen Eden Drive. Mr. Kuntsling stated that he does not believe the City provides adequate education and outreach regarding the use of bicycle lanes for cyclists and motorists as well as no contact information for City employees. Mr. Howe responded there are numerous ways for the public to provide input on the City website. Mr. Lamb added the additional ways that staff can be contacted.

Mr. Howe inquired about the process to how bike lanes are installed within the city. Mr. Lamb responded that the 27 mile project took two years and there was communication with all stakeholders involved. Ms. Hatchell questioned if there was a way to monitor the speeds on the roads. Mr. Lamb answered that there is data collection before and after the installation of the bicycle lanes. Ms. Hatchell also added that road diets provide safety and reduce accidents as well.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that the City is receiving bids for the Hillsborough Street Phase II project as well as the Mitchell Mill Road project. Mr. Howe inquired about the Avent Ferry Road plan. Mr. Lamb responded the kick off was within the past week.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that with Mr. Palmer's resignation from the Commission council has moved forward with a nomination for a new Commissioner that will be voted on in two weeks. Mr. Lamb also stated that the Mayor will proclaim May as Bike Month.

V. Committee & Member Reports

Chair's Report: Ms. Simes reminded the Commission to please keep Committee meeting dates and reminded the members to let people know if they are unable to make a meeting. The Commission members discussed reconvening the Committee meeting schedule as well as having staff go through a one on one orientation.

Community Outreach Committee: Ms. Proudfoot stated the meeting covered all of the Bike Month events including the Capital Bike Ride on May 6th and Bike to Work Day on May 20th. Ms. Proudfoot also announced there will be a Twitter and Instagram competitions to promote a new BikeRaleigh slogan. Ms. Proudfoot announced a BikeRaleigh forum will take place on Wednesday, May 25th at the City of Raleigh Museum from 6 to 8 pm.

Bicycle Planning Committee: Ms. Simes reported that the Steering Committee and the Bicycle Planning Committee discussed the update to the Bike Plan and recommended it to be presented at the Commission.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report.

Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee: No report

VI. Old Business

No report

VII. New Business

Trailwood Drive Improvements: Mr. Percival presented to the Commission the planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Trailwood Drive between Lineberry Drive and Main Campus Drive along the I-40 bridge overpass. Mr. Howe inquired about a portion of sidewalk on land that would be rezoned for development in the future. Mr. Percival explained that the project was to fill in sidewalk gaps. The Commission discussed the installation of crosswalks and sidewalks along Linebury Drive.

Mr. Howe made a motion that the Commission support the project and look into installing crosswalks at Linebury Drive and Main Campus Drive but to wait as long as possible before beginning the project, which was properly seconded by Ms. Hatchell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bicycle Plan Update: Mr. Myers presented to the Commission an update of the BikeRaleigh Plan that detailed additional changes to the previous draft plan. Ms. Hatchell inquired about when the plan will be updated as well as additional information regarding safety instructions. Ms. Wilson answered that currently she is working with public affairs to provide additional information on bicycle safety and pedestrian safety information in the form of PSAs.

Mr. Howe made a motion that the Commission approve the draft plan which was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Wake County Transit Plan: Mr. Lamb presented an overview Wake County Transit plan to the Commission.

VIII. Board Comments

Ms. Proudfoot reminded everyone that Bike Month is coming up in May.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Proudfoot announced the Capital City Bike Ride is taking place on May 6th from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Ms. Proudfoot also stated a Bike Art Show is taking place on May 6th. Ms. Proudfoot added a number of bike events are occurring through Oaks and Spokes from May 1st through the 8th and to check oaksandspokes.com for the calendar.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Young