

Approved Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, May 16, 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
Paul Nevill, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Susan Hatchell
Nate Humphrey
Dan Howe
Aaron Peeler
Mary Sell

Staff:

Todd Delk, Transportation Engineer
Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Wilson, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager
Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent:

Harry Johnson (unexcused)
Rebecca Proudfoot (excused)

I. Introduction

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

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Public Comments

No report.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that City Council approved bids for Hillsborough St. Phase II and Staff are working on readying for the bids for Buck Jones Rd. Mr. Lamb announced bridge replacements on Capital Boulevard on Peace Street and Wade Avenue will start before the end of the summer.

Mr. Nevill inquired about the improvements along West Street as well as Fairview Road. Mr. Lamb responded that Fairview Road did not make the cut but additional greenway improvements will occur in the area and sidewalks on Wade Avenue will be connected through Capital Boulevard.

The Commission asked about bicycle and pedestrian improvements as part of the Capital Boulevard bridge replacements project. Mr. Lamb responded that the Wade Avenue bridge will be the first to be replaced and there will be additional bike facilities on Peace Street.

Mr. Nevill inquired about the Town and Country Road at Lead Mine Road project. Mr. Lamb responded that the project was designed as a traffic calming project.

Mr. Lamb stated that the Old Wake Forest Road widening, Tryon Road Part C widening, Rock Quarry Road Part A widening and Oberlin Road Streetscape projects will be moving forward in the coming weeks.

City Council Updates: Ms. Simes inquired about the status of the Six Forks Road corridor plan. Mr. Lamb reported that City Council has directed staff to come back with a streetscape alternative. Mr. Lamb stated the contract for this project has been reopened and there will be additional engagement with the community once more.

V. Committee & Chair Reports

Chair Report: Ms. Simes stated that Bike Month is underway and there are a lot of events going on. Ms. Simes added that Oaks and Spokes is hosting many events as well.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill stated the Committee met on May 9th and discussed additional events. Mr. Nevill added that Commissioners are still attending CAC meetings and that they have gotten to 10 of 19 CAC meetings. Mr. Nevill stated that South Central CAC will be the next one he attends.

Bicycle Planning Committee: No report.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: Mr. Peeler reported that the Committee met and discussed Glenwood South pedestrian issues, specifically signalized intersections not working. Mr. Lamb reported that the City will be doing pedestrian counts in September so that intersections in this area will be added to the count to prioritize the signals.

VI. Old Business

No report.

VII. New Business

Blount St./Person St. Corridor Plan Implementation: Mr. Delk presented information to the Commission regarding the design and implementation of the Blount/Person Street Corridor plan.

The Commission discussed the different alternatives and asked about the overall conversion in future long term plans. Mr. Delk stated the ultimate conversion would be a two way conversion, but the current plan has three alternatives. Ms. Hatchell inquired about the roundabout on the south end of the plan area and how the space was there. Mr. Delk stated that the roundabout was not disruptive due to the amount of space already existing there.

Ms. Sell expressed her favor of alternative C which has bicycle facilities that would allow for continuous bicycle facilities in the future. The Commission discussed the different alternatives for the corridor.

Mr. Peeler made a motion that the Commission to endorse Alternative C with Phase I funding which was properly seconded by Ms. Hatchell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Charlotte Open Streets Event: Mr. Nevill presented information to the Commission regarding his recent attendance at Charlotte's open streets event. Ms. Stewart addressed the Commission regarding the

status of Raleigh's open streets event and stated it will be another year before the event can occur and she is looking into building a nonprofit to handle the event.

FY 2016-2017 Work Plan: Mr. Lamb presented the updated work plan to the commission. Ms. Wilson stated that additional changes were made to the work plan based on the Committee breakout at the recent retreat in February.

Ms. Simes inquired about the North Carolina Bike/Walk master plan implementation. Mr. Lamb responded it is a statewide master plan initiative and he can request people from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to get more information to the Commission on this if necessary.

Mr. Howe inquired how the plan reflected the fiscal part of the projects proposed in the plan. Mr. Lamb stated the funding comes from capital improvement projects while Ms. Wilson explained that for the current bike parking projects underway there is money in the current fiscal year but the wayfinding project does not have any current funding.

The Commission discussed some of the language for items regarding greenways as well as Committee tasks.

Mr. Howe made a motion to approve the work plan with the amendment of adding parking in bike lanes under the Bicycle Committee section which was properly seconded by Mr. Brigham and passed with unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Board Comments

Ms. Sell stated there was no pedestrian signal on Lane Street when crossing to Blount Street. Mr. Lamb stated Lane Street and Jones Street are prioritized for two way conversion.

Mr. Brigham inquired about the status of the sidewalks on Highwoods Boulevard. Mr. Lamb stated that Highwoods has been identified for a sidewalk and that city staff are having active conversation with staff over at Highwoods.

Mr. Humphrey expressed his concern about the sidewalks on Pulled Road near the bridge on Western Boulevard near North Carolina State University as the sidewalks stopped and there is no connection over to the multiuse paths. Mr. Lamb responded that with the construction of the Pullen Road extension, the bridge over Western Boulevard will be replaced which will lead to filling in that gap.

Ms. Hatchell inquired about the bike pump station repairs. Mr. Brigham stated the downtown pump is fixed but the Anderson Point one is in the process of being fixed.

Ms. Simes expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians coming down the hill on Southbound Gorman Street near Avent Ferry Road.

Mr. Howe inquired on an update on automobiles parking in bike lanes. Ms. Wilson answered that the item still has to come back to the Bicycle Planning Committee and that talking with Mr. Johnson it will hopefully be on the June committee meeting.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Nevill pointed out that the time is wrong for the Ride of Silence, that it should be 6:30 pm and not 7:30 pm. Ms. Simes pointed out that there is a walking tour of Dorothea Dix at the same time by Kate Pearce of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources.

Mr. Lamb stated that Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 20th with four pit stop locations in Raleigh. He added that Saturday, May 21st is the Raleigh Bike MS Kick off at the Hibernian Pub and that May 25th is the BikeRaleigh Forum at 6pm at the City of Raleigh Museum.

Mr. Brigham announced that the Oaks and Spokes festival wrapped up this past week with 8 different days of events but unfortunately many were rained out. Mr. Brigham announced that on Sunday May 22nd at noon in the Oakwood cemetery there will be a Raleigh Ally Cat Style race. Mr. Brigham announced that Tour de Fat is June 25th.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Young