
Approved Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, July 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
Paul Nevill, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Nate Humphrey
Dan Howe
Mary Sell
Rebecca Proudfoot

Staff:

Todd Delk, Transportation Engineer
Sylvester Percival, Engineering Services Project
Engineer
Dhanya Sandeep, AICP
Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Susan Wilson, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager
Deja Smith, Bicycle and Pedestrian Outreach
Coordinator

Absent:

Harry Johnson
Susan Hatchell
Aaron Peeler

I. Introduction

Ms. Simes called the meeting to order at 6:09pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Howe moved for approval of the May 16th minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Nevill and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

No comments.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb stated that there were no specific updates and offered to answer questions. Mr. Nevill inquired about the construction on Walnut Creek Trail near South New Hope Church Rd. Mr. Lamb indicated that he will research the status of that project.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb updated the Commission on the pedestrian signals at Lane and Blount Street stating they will be evaluated during the Blount/Person project. Mr. Lamb also reported that following a citizen inquiry at a previous meeting, staff reviewed the mid-block greenway crossing on Gorman Street south of Avent Ferry Road and determined that the sight distance is adequate relative to the posted speed.

Mr. Lamb mentioned the recent approval of House Bill 959, which concerns cycling laws and cycling safety. Rear red lights or reflective clothing are now required for cyclists at night, and there is a new four-foot passing law for drivers.



V. Committee & Chair Reports

Chair Report: No report.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill stated the committee talked about Destination Dix, Oak and Spokes events, and starting up outreach to CAC meetings once vacation season is over. Ms. Sell inquired about the BikeRaleigh Ride Party. Ms. Smith and Mr. Lamb explained that the August 7th ride would celebrate the successful crowdfunding efforts of the new artistic BikeRaleigh racks.

Bicycle Planning Committee: Mr. Howe reported that the committee discussed locations where parking is allowed in the bike lane and ways to apply better consistency throughout the City. The committee suggested to have the City evaluate engineering solutions on a case-by-case basis by either adjusting where bicycle facilities are placed or by eliminating parking in those areas. Mr. Humphrey indicated that any changes should be considered as part of future traffic calming or resurfacing projects. Mr. Howe moved that the Commission endorse the committee's recommendation for staff to evaluate engineered solutions for streets with bike lane parking conflicts. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Howe mentioned that it's important for Commissioners to be involved with the development of the City's Capital Improvement plan so they may be able to advocate for certain projects. Mr. Lamb briefly explained the current process and suggested having a discussion of upcoming projects at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: Ms. Sell mentioned that the committee discussed the potential for pedestrian and bike improvements along the Dorothea Dix corridor as an access point to the Farmer's Market. Mr. Nevill mentioned the current infrastructure at the Boylan and Western Blvd intersection. Mr. Lamb clarified that although the intersection currently meets specifications, additional changes are likely as plans for Dorothea Dix start to develop.

Mr. Brigham asked about plans for Walktober. Ms. Sell and Ms. Simes stated that the committee had discussed integrating neighborhoods and existing schools into a Walk To School Day event. Ms. Wilson suggested that a joint meeting of the Pedestrian Planning Committee and the Community Outreach Committee would be helpful to work through programming options.

VI. Old Business

No report.

VII. New Business

Pullen Road Extension: Mr. Percival and Mr. Helms presented information to the Commission regarding an update on the Pullen Road Extension project, including proposed design and timeline. Mr. Howe inquired about the signage as drivers and cyclists approach the roundabout on Pullen. Mr. Helms responded that they will be including pedestrian and bicyclist signs per City of Raleigh standards. Mr. Brigham inquired about bike lane drops at the roundabout. Mr. Helms responded that bike lanes will merge with the through traffic, and that there will also be a 10-foot multiuse path available to use. Mr. Lamb added that sharrows can be applied so bicyclists can use the full lane.

Mr. Brigham moved to endorse the design of the Pullen Road Extension project, which was properly seconded by Mr. Howe and passed by unanimous voice vote.



Southern Gateway Corridor Study: Ms. Sandeep and Mr. Delk presented on the Southern Gateway Corridor Study. The Commission discussed feasibility and traffic flow. Mr. Humphrey moved to endorse the Southern Gateway Corridor Study, which was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Leesville Safe Routes to School: Mr. Delk presented an update on the Leesville Safe Routes to School project.

The Big Jump Project: Mr. Lamb discussed The Big Jump Project initiative developed by People for Bikes. This effort is focused around helping communities realize a large increase in cycling mode share, and City staff would like to apply to be a participating community. Mr. Brigham moved to support the application to become a participating community, which was properly seconded by Ms. Sell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Board Comments

Mr. Brigham inquired about bike count stations. Mr. Lamb responded they are not done annually and are done periodically for certain locations.

Mr. Brigham asked about signage near Kiwanis Park connecting one path of Crabtree Creek Greenway to another. Mr. Howe recommended reporting it on SeeClickFix.

Ms. Simes reminded everyone that nominations for BPAC Chair and Vice Chair will be happening at the next BPAC meeting.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Brigham mentioned the Destination Dix event on Saturday, July 23rd from 10-7 and talked about The Dude Abides Ride to the NC Museum of Art following the end of Destination Dix.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deja Smith