
Approved Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, October 17th, 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
Nate Humphrey
Dan Howe
Mary Sell
Rebecca Proudfoot
Susan Hatchell
Aaron Peeler

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Deja Smith, Bicycle and Pedestrian Outreach
Coordinator

Absent Members:

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

I. Introduction

Mr. Peeler called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hatchell moved for approval of the September 19th minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Howe and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

Ms. Jennifer Delcourt from Active Routes to School thanked the commissioners who came out to help at the Conn Elementary Walk to School day event.

Mr. Adam Haller thanked City Staff for quickly cleaning up the greenways after Hurricane Matthew.

IV. Staff Reports

Mr. Lamb asked the commissioners to review their committee assignments.

City Project Updates: Mr. Nevill inquired about the status of a couple of current projects: Lenoir/South Street Conversion and the installation of new bike parking. Mr. Lamb responded that the Lenoir and South Street project is not complete and the new bike parking spaces are starting to go in. Ms. Hatchell asked about the “on hold” projects. Mr. Lamb responded that projects categorized as “on hold” will have to wait until the next round of the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Howe asked why the West Street project required a NEPA study. Mr. Lamb explained that the City is requesting to use Federal funds and therefore are required to complete a NEPA study.

Mr. Nevill inquired if the sidewalks on Six Forks Road (from Coleridge Drive to Wake Forest Road) will be off the roadway. Mr. Lamb explained that the culvert was extended as part of the project and that the project was completed. Mr. Brigham asked when Hillsborough Street Phase II will be completed. Mr. Lamb stated it will be done next year.

City Council Updates: Mr. Lamb said the only thing outstanding is the City's attorney Office will be editing the City Code concerning Pedestrians. Mr. Peeler asked if it concerned the sidewalk dining issue. Mr. Lamb responded that it had to do with that issue among with many other edits per the Commission's prior recommendations to the City Council.

V. Committee & Chair Reports

Chair Report: no report.

Bicycle Planning Committee: no report.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill stated that he attended the Underwood Elementary Walk to School Day event. Mr. Nevill also mentioned the success of the Walktober events and the Oaks & Spokes Event, Cranksgiving, on November 20th.

Pedestrian Planning Committee: Ms. Hatchell mentioned that although the committee did not meet, the Walktober events were underway and were popular. Ms. Hatchell also mentioned that many people heard about the tours through emails from their CAC. Ms. Sell added that the app "Next Door" could be used in the future to communicate with neighborhoods.

VI. New Business

Capital Improvement Program Review: Mr. Lamb presented an overview of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Ms. Sell asked how the greenway program interfaces with the transportation component. Mr. Lamb mentioned that staff from the Transportation Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department regularly discuss projects with each other and look for opportunities to help one another. Ms. Hatchell asked if the major street improvements included Biking and Pedestrian projects too. Mr. Lamb explained that yes, all major street improvement projects have multi-modal components.

Mr. Howe asked about the annual process concerning projects coming out of the bond referendums. Mr. Lamb explained that they look at the full list of projects and filter through it to recommend projects to City Council. Mr. Lamb also mentioned that there is a possibility for a transportation bond on the 2017 ballot. Mr. Howe followed up with a question concerning if project statuses would change if the Transit Referendum passes. Mr. Lamb said that they would look at the list of projects again and reevaluate.

Mr. Howe asked if there were ways for citizens to recommend ideas for the CIP. Mr. Lamb responded that area and corridor plans are important for that process. Mr. Brigham inquired about small area plans in the CIP. Mr. Lamb responded that they go through a process based on community comments to see where a project may land, and the citizens can attend and mention ideas directly to City Council.

Mr. Nevill asked about the profitability of parking in the city. Mr. Lamb responded that the parking program is an enterprise fund and is intended to be self-sufficient, but there have been transfers from the general fund to cover parking. Mr. Nevill also asked about sidewalk projects. Mr. Lamb explained there are petition projects, micro-gap projects, sidewalk repairs, and sidewalk completion projects.

Bikeshare Program Update: Mr. Lamb updated the commissioners on the status of the City's Bikeshare Program. Mr. Howe asked how the commission can help. Mr. Lamb responded that the commissioners did a

lot by recommending it move forward to Council and that in the future, commissioners can help with potential locations for the stations. Ms. Proudfoot asked about the Bikeshare Coordinator position. Mr. Lamb said the intention is to provide a full-time position to oversee the Bikeshare program. Ms. Proudfoot followed up with a question about sponsorships. Mr. Lamb explained that until a vendor is picked, it will be difficult for the City to move forward with securing sponsorships. Mr. Brigham suggested BPAC could help reach out to companies regarding sponsorships. Ms. Hatchell asked how big the systems will be. Mr. Lamb explained that it depends on the type of system and location of the system.

VIII. Board Comments

Ms. Sell asked about tracking any burned out pedestrian signals and the group suggested submitting locations to SeeClickFix.

Ms. Proudfoot discussed her trip to the Durham Bike Co-op and the partnership between the City of Durham and the nonprofit. Ms. Sell asked if Raleigh had a version of the Durham Bike Co-op. Mr. Brigham stated that Raleigh doesn't, but that Oaks & Spokes has been thinking about it.

IX. Announcements

Mr. Brigham and Ms. Sell reminded commissioners of the Raleigh Makers Tour on Sunday, October 23rd.

Mr. Humphrey discussed the Visual Art Exchange's History Walk covering the southeast Raleigh in November. Mr. Brigham discussed the Oaks & Spokes Tweed Ride on the November 6th and Cranksgiving on Sunday, November 20th.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deja Smith

