
Approved Meeting Minutes- November 21, 2016

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

Commission Members:

Paul Nevill, Vice Chair
Evan Brigham
Nate Humphrey
Dan Howe
Mary Sell
Susan Hatchell
Amy Simes

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Alondra Certan, Administrative Assistant

Absent Members:

Aaron Peeler, Chair (excused)
Rebecca Proudfoot (excused)
Harry Johnson

I. Introduction

Mr. Nevill called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hatchell moved for approval of the October 17th minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Humphrey and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

IV. Staff Reports

City Projects Updates: Mr. Lamb reported the completion of the City's project to install a number of bike racks around the City. The project added about 50 conventional U-Racks mostly around the downtown area. The project also installed 3 new bike corrals: one is located on Tucker Street; one is placed on South Street and one on Hargett Street adjacent to Café De Los Muertos. This rack has been temporarily removed due to a maintenance operation at the Hue Building and is expected to be re-opened shortly.

Mr. Nevill inquired how close the Hargett corral is to the special BikeRaleigh rack. Mr. Lamb replied that it is only a few feet away from the rack. Mr. Nevill asked if the 50 U-Racks complete the bike rack installation and if there is any additional work to be done. Mr. Lamb responded that that is the only project pending and will probably consider another round of rack installations in a couple of years.

Mr. Lamb briefed the Commission about the "Lighten up Raleigh" campaign that is coordinated with a number of local bike shops. This effort has been underway for a few years to partner with local stores to



provide a discount for new bike lights. Mr. Lamb also mentioned the new State Law effective starting Dec. 1st, which requires bikers to have a rear light when riding at night or to wear retro-reflective clothing.

Mr. Lamb informed the Commission about working with a local consulting firm to conduct additional data collection for bicycle and pedestrian counts. This company is using video cameras placed on trees and utility poles to collect bicycle and pedestrian volume information, which will soon be available to the City.

City Council Updates: no updates.

V. Committee & Chair Reports

Chair Report: Mr. Nevill discussed the blueprint of the Adopted 2016-2017 Work Plan and asked that the committee chairs and commissioners review any outstanding items for their committees.

Bicycle planning Committee: no report.

Community Outreach Committee: Mr. Nevill mentioned the success of the Walktober activities and the completion of the Makers Walk led by Mrs. Sell.

Pedestrian and Planning Committee: Mrs. Hatchell reported that the committee met on November 10th and conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) exercise.

VI. New Business

New Bern Avenue Pedestrian and Transit Improvements - Mr. Lamb described the project that the City previously funded to add new pedestrian facilities and transit amenities along New Bern Avenue between Tarboro Road and Sunnybrook Road. This project is intended to be an interim improvement in advance of a more complete Bus Rapid Transit project for this corridor.

Mr. Jason Pace of Kimley-Horn associates gave an overview of the project which will consist of two sections:

- Section 1: Between Tarboro St. and Raleigh Blvd. will consist of 14-foot-wide sidewalks on the back curb, street trees, upgraded transit stops and LED street lights.
- Section 2: Between Raleigh Blvd. and Sunnybrook Rd. will have an 8-foot-wide asphalt sidewalk.

Mrs. Hatchell asked how this project will impact the existing landscaping and how the new plant material would be replaced when the Bus Rapid Transit project takes place. Mr. Pace responded that in Section 1, there will be new landscaping improvements with street trees and median improvements. In Section 2, the current trees will stay and will not be affected by this project.

Mr. Brigham asked a couple of questions about the intersections and if there will be any sense of security when the sidewalk gets too close to the road. Mr. Peace explained that there will be a curb gutter on both sides of the road.

VII. Board Comments

Mr. Brigham mentioned that the Crabtree Creek Greenway will be closed for about a year west of Capital Boulevard. Mr. Lamb added that this is the result of Hurricane Matthew, and the board walk that was in the section that is to the West of Capital Boulevard was destabilized significantly and is no longer structurally



safe. Commissioners expressed interest in exploring options for a detour bike route while the repairs occurred here.

Mr. Brigham added that one of his coworkers had a missing sidewalk in front of his house and was wondering what mechanism he could get to try to get that 10ft of sidewalk fixed. Mr. Lamb advised Mr. Brigham to have his coworker contact him and he could check and see if this location has been previously identified as a gap in the system; if not it can be added to the inventory and staff can try and address it.

Mr. Brigham requested an update on staffing. Mr. Lamb reported that as of January 1st there should be two full time positions filled specifically for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager and for the Bike share Program Manager.

Mr. Brigham also commented about the condition of the portion of Lake Wheeler Road starting at S. Sanders Street. He indicated that it would be convenient to bike to downtown along this street and if there are any plans to improve the street. Mr. Lamb explained that until the Dorothea Dix Plan is furthered developed, it will be difficult to take any action along this section of Lake Wheeler Road. There is also an issue regarding portions of the property that are still controlled by the State, which would pose a potential barrier for street improvements.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Brigham talked about the Oaks & Spokes at Cranksgiving on Sunday November 20th. This food drive on bikes was able to collect 2,300 pounds of food and donated it to the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

Mr. Brigham also reminded commissioners about the December 10th Tour to Toys event.

Mr. Brigham announced that the County Commissioners approved funding for the Bike share Program.

Mr. Nevill announced that the Ridgewood Turkey Trot will be held Thanksgiving Morning at the Ridgewood shopping center on Wade Avenue.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alondra Certan