
Approved Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2016

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett St, Raleigh, NC with the following members present:

Commission Members:

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

Staff:

Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager
Alondra Certan, Administrative Assistant
Talal Shahbander, Senior Project Engineer
Cordis Yates-Thompson, Project Manager

Absent Members:

Harry Johnson

I. Introduction

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nevill moved for approval of the November 21st minutes which was properly seconded by Mr. Humphrey and approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Comments

No Public Comments.

IV. Staff Reports

City Project Updates: Mr. Lamb reported that many projects have slowed down due to the winter construction season.

Mr. Nevill addressed Mr. Lamb with a couple of concerns about the projects and asked for some clarification on the date of completion of the Leesville Road SRTS project. Mr. Lamb explained that the construction date on the updated sheet was wrong and the Safe Routes to School improvements are still in design and permitting right now. Another question was asked about the Atlantic Avenue bike/pedestrian improvement that has been discussed and was not on the projects sheet; Mr. Lamb reported that the project has not been programmed yet.

Staffing Update: Mr. Lamb reported that Mr. Trung Vo, will be joining the Transportation Planning team on January 9th, 2017. The division is also in the process of posting the Bike Share Manager position.

City Council Updates: No updates.

V. Committee & Chair Reports

Chair report: No report



Bicycle Planning: No report. Mr. Peeler announced that Mr. Humphrey would be the new chair of the Bicycle Planning Committee.

Community Outreach: Mr. Nevill reported that the committee did not meet in December; however they are going to be starting CAC presentations in January, targeting the Central and Forestville CACs.

Pedestrian Planning: Ms. Hatchell reported that the commissioners discussed the Pedestrian Planning Committee work plan and which tasks they would like to redefine and focus on for 2017.

VI. New Business

Fox Road Widening Project - Mr. Shahbender provided an overview of the City's plan to improve Fox Road between Spring Forest Road and Balance Fox Drive. This project involves widening and adding curb and gutter, sidewalks, median refuges, and bike lanes on both sides of the roadway. The project will also improve connectivity to the adjacent Spring Forest Road Park. The project will be advertised for construction in the Spring of 2017 and will be complete in the Spring of 2018.

Ms. Hatchell questioned why there wasn't a refuge or island providing some kind of pedestrian access at Oak Forest Drive when crossing to the park. Mr. Shahbender explained the goal is to try to minimize the amount of pedestrian crossings where there are no stop signs or traffic lights.

Ms. Hatchell added that her biggest concern was the entrance of the park since it was in the middle of the block, and if that's where the community wants it. Mr. Lamb explained that when there is a median refuge island, it has to be in a spot where it doesn't conflict with any turns.

Mr. Howe moved to endorse the Fox Road Widening Project, which was properly seconded by Mrs. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

CIP Project Presentation- Mr. Lamb talked about the methodology used to identify, rank and prioritize projects for funding in the City's Capital Improvement Program. Types of CIP projects that were discussed were:

- Major Roadways
- Street Improvements/Maintenance
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Studies
- Transit
- Parking

Mr. Howe inquired where do streetscape plans and studies that come out of the capital budget fall and how are they prioritized. Mr. Lamb explained there is a separate list for streetscape projects, and there are a number of factors that go into their ranking. Mr. Howe also asked to what extent the comprehensive plan factors into capital project planning.

Mr. Lamb clarified that the comprehensive plan doesn't have a lot relative to the priorities; it represents the master blueprint but not necessarily the path to achieving the blueprint.

BPAC 2017 Meeting Schedule: Mr. Nevil moved for approval of the BPAC 2017 Meeting Schedule which was properly seconded by Mrs. Sell and approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Board Comments

Mr. Brigham added a comment regarding the agenda, that it was suggested by Ms. Hatchell to add open streets to Old Business. Mr. Lamb replied that it is technically not an Old Business item but will work with one of the representatives to come to a future meeting and give an update.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Brigham talked about Oaks & Spokes party that will be held for members only, on January 21st.

Mr. Brigham announced the commissioners that he is resigning from the commission and moving to Denver. Ms. Proudfoot took the time to thank Mr. Brigham for being an engaged Bicycle and Pedestrian advocate and a great leader, and that his passion and enthusiasm will be missed.

Next BPAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alondra Certan

