



February 11, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Zoom / 2519 Acadia Street

Virtual Meeting

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Attendance: Deniz Aydemir, Kai Monast, Michael Moorman, Tyler Dewey, Susanne Schmal, Brian Hawkins, Ed Rizzuto, Dale McKeel, Cesar Castro, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Hannah Reynolds, Michael Shepherd.

I. **Welcome, Land and Equity Acknowledgement, Introductions** (10:00 a.m.)

- Reading of L&E Acknowledgement (Kai Monast)
- Round of introductions.

II. **What is BPAC?** (10:26 a.m.)

- *BPAC Basics* (Deniz Aydemir)
 - o Trivia Questions and framing of discussion moving forward.
 - § BPAC founded July 2001.
 - § How many commissioners serve? 18, 9 city and 9 county.
 - § How long is commissioner's term? 3 years and can serve 2 terms.
 - § How many unexcused absences are allowed per year? Three.
 - § Why is it the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory *Commission* and not *Committee*? Nobody knows, but....Committee maybe a time limited thing or task force, Commission more of a long standing body.
 - § What is BPAC's purpose? BPAC is a resident advisory commission dedicated to ensuring our elected officials and government departments have access to community input that will impact priorities and projects related to bicycle and pedestrian mobility – 2020 BPAC Guiding Principles.
- *Guiding Principles* (Deniz Aydemir)
 - § Safe Mobility Networks (Vision Zero)
 - § Complete Mobility Networks (Complete Streets)
 - § Equitable Mobility Networks (Mobility Justice)
- *Guiding Values* (Deniz Aydemir)
 - § Collaboration and Partnership
 - § Environment Stewardship
 - § Economic Responsibility
- *How did we get here?* (Dale McKeel)

§ In the 80's there was a City of Durham Urban Trails and Greenways Committee.

§ This became DOST, which is joint City and County group, and there was bicycle committee as part of this.

§ A Manager's Task Force was created to examine bicycle use and one of their recommendations was to create a separate bicycle and pedestrian commission.

§ April 10, 2001 BPAC was created.

§ The Interlocal agreement goes through the duties that the Commission has.

§ Bike Durham and The Durham Bike Co Op at two organizations that BPAC had quite a bit of influence in.

§ BPAC members also started Critical Mass rides in the early 2000's and also were key in getting bike to work week started in Durham.

§ Advocating for good policy is another way BPAC has influenced Durham.

Policy on bike parking and working on the Durham Comprehensive plan are two good examples.

§ Holding the City/County accountable for their decisions, or lack thereof, is another good example of BPAC's influence. Anderson Street Traffic Calming was good example.

§ BPAC members influenced valet parking events and getting them instituted at a number of events downtown, including Durham Bulls games and the Tour De Fat events that used to occur downtown.

§ BPAC has done a lot of work on education and produced several biking brochures, maps and bumper stickers to support the community and encourage biking and hiking in the area.

III. **2022 Review and 2023 Priorities** (11:05 a.m.)

- Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)

§ EEE Priorities for 2022 – enhance partnerships, provide at least 2 educational sessions for community, enhance social media and book/discussion club.

§ Black Girls Do Bike event in May went well and was well attended event.

§ Enhance social media is a challenge for us without many followers. We should think about this more and whether it is worth any investment in time.

§ Book discussion. More of a discussion in next year, might have podcast, article or excerpt moving into next year.

§ Bicycle helmet initiative was successful and all were distributed.

§ Connections and engagement with W-S Bike and Ped Coordinator, Bike Walk NC and W2G and Bull E-Bike Pilot.

§ Partnerships with Earth Day Bike Valet, Center Fest, Ride of Silence, Day of Remembrance.

§ NEXT STEPS: bicycle helmet grant again, calming initiatives, forming new partnerships in community, document history in a way that future members can know this when they come into the group.

- Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)

§ UDO (Uniform Development Ordinance) is set of rules that has to be followed in Durham when building is planned.

§ Committee looks at development plans if zoning might be inappropriate.

§ Committee may ask for other elements to be added to the upcoming development to make it safer or easier for pedestrian/ cyclist traffic.

§ Site plans are reviewed as well for included bicycle and pedestrian features for the possibility of recommendations.

§ Street closures due to construction are reviewed. Impact to pedestrian/bicycle traffic reviewed.

§ Ordinances and policies are reviewed and updates suggested if appropriate.

§ Focus in 2022 was on development plans and wanted to bring community into the planning more. Should still be a focus in 2023 and come up with ways to better engage the community impacted.

§ 2023 – Focus more on ordinances and policies. Start thinking about what UDO updates we might want to promote as a Commission.

- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)
 - § Committee is involved with looking at plans to roads and streets and changes in those.
 - § It Looks at all resurfacing that is projected for each year. Point out deficiencies in design where special access may be needed or unsafe conditions are present within the nature of the design.
 - § It also advocates for changing traffic signals when they place pedestrians or cyclists at risk.

IV. **Open Discussion** (11:31 a.m.)

- Think about being more cohesive among the different sub-committees and working on more “joint” projects across the Commission as a whole.
- Idea of merging Dev Rev and PIE.
 - § Burdensome for some to have three meetings each month if having Dev Rev, PIE and large meeting.
 - § Idea of having all three committees together and have them present at different times during session.
 - § Review of development plans could be burdensome as to time if we had everything together. Could be that some of these would be sent out in advance and people just did “homework” prior to the meeting.
 - § Should we have two people selected to shadow Michael Moorman and Dan Clever before they come off as the committee lead positions? Might at least need some guidance and training on what/where to look for certain things.
 - § Mixed feelings on whether to have one meeting for all, one meeting for Dev Rev/PIE and whether to continue with all three individually.
 - § We will need two volunteers in the near future to take over for Michael and Dan as the leads for each of these committees respectively.

- Michael Moorman brought up having certain people who will “specialize” on certain projects instead of just having peripheral knowledge and little input. Can focus on certain things and then report to all groups about it for assistance.
 - § Representatives that would show up at these individual meetings but only to report and most of work done outside of the committee meeting.
- Something else that happened within the committees this year that was good was having community members coming in to talk about issues with the smaller group.
 - § This is less intimidating for community members than the bigger meeting and less formal.
 - § Also good platform for other community organizations to come in and give us information that might guide us in establishing action plans for the commission and each committee.

V. **Highlights from Survey** (11:51 a.m.) (Deniz Aydemir)

§ Short on time and Deniz will be providing more information on this at the bigger meeting. We can have further discussion in the bigger group at that time.

VI. **Review Action Items** (11:55 a.m.) (Deniz Aydemir)

§ Replacement for Michael and Dan on Dev Rev and PIE. Brian Hawkins expressed some tentative interest in Dev Rev, we will put this out to the bigger group to see what other individuals might want to lead these groups.

§ Need more conversation at the bigger meeting for committee structures and meeting frequency/timing. EEE will likely try to jump on with one of the other two meetings to see how this goes.

Break

Lunch and Walk Audit

2519 Acadia St., Northgate Park

<https://goo.gl/maps/t5U6edpgj9o7emSYA>

Attendance: Deniz Aydemir, Kai Monast, Michael Moorman, Susanne Schmal, Brian Hawkins, Cesar Castro, Dan Clever, Hannah Reynolds, Brian Taylor.

VII. **Outdoor Lunch** (1:05 PM)

- Boxed lunches from Nosh
- Handed out and reviewed materials for the walk audit.

VIII. **N. Roxboro Street Walk Audit** (2:00 PM)

- Group took note of opportunities for improved pedestrian infrastructure and safety
- Deniz Aydemir took photos and videos to document

IX. **Review** (3:15 PM)

- Reconvened at Northgate Park to complete filling out walk audit materials
- Group agreement that this street is a good candidate for a road diet and improved pedestrian infrastructure
- Hannah Reynolds took audit worksheets to scan.

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