



# D U R H A M BPAC

## Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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February 15, 2022  
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgement 7:00**
  - Present: Aidil Ortiz, Kai Monast, Milton Kendall, Dan Clever, Deniz Aydemir, Mike Shepherd, Ed Rizzuto, Susanne Schmal, Michael Moorman, Emily Egge, Adam Pyburn, Tyler Dewey, Javiera Caballero, Heidi Carter
  - Absent: Tony Patterson, Idreese Foxworth
  - Excused Absence:
  - Staff: Dale McKeel, Robin Young (City of Durham Transportation Dept Operations), Hannah Reynolds (City of Durham Transportation Planner)
  - Guests: Trish Farnham (Program Manager at BikeWalkNC NC), Terry Lansdell (BikeWalkNC), Paul Harvin, John Tallmadge (Bike Durham), David Bradway
  
- II. Adjustments to the Agenda 7:05**
  - none
  
- III. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting 7:08**
  - none
  
- IV. Public Comments 7:09**
  - none
  
- V. Presentations 7:10**
  - BikeWalkNC Initiatives and NC Bicycle Driver Friendly Program (Terry Lansdell, Trish Farnham)
    - Came to Durham two years in a row for the BikeWalkNC NC Summit and at 2021 launched the Bike Safety Quiz. It is an online passive course for cyclists, truckers, kids, drivers, etc. and can be taken at your own pace about how to be safer on the road.
    - Here is a link to their announcement last year at the Durham BikeWalkNC Summit: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu4Lku\\_cXY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu4Lku_cXY)
    - Here is a link to the safety quiz: <https://www.bikewalknc.org/north-carolina-bicycle-safety-quiz/>
    - Have a grant with the Governor’s Highway Safety Program to implement the bicycle safety driver program. Hired Trish to lead this work.
    - Program originally conceptualized in Colorado and in the current context want to create a suite of opportunities to engage with motorists. Starting in 6 counties and the current training is 1.5 hours long. Durham is one of the six counties. Want to do the training to happen in collaboration with another group.
  - Earth Day Festival Activities (Hannah Reynolds, John Tallmadge)
    - 5,000 people are expected to gather at Durham Central Park on April 24. Will have one of the

GoDurham buses to teach people about bike rack and hosting a pop up traffic garden for youth.

-Does Durham BPAC want to do Bike Valet? Volunteer for the traffic garden? John will send up sign up sheet

## VI. Committee Reports 7.48

- Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)
  - Terry and Trish attended the meeting to talk about BikeWalkNC's new motorist education program.
  - Also, submitted paperwork for speaker fees for Bike Month to see how to use the resources on an attractive speaker.
  - Starting book club
- Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)
  - First month that had their part 1 and part 2 with the PIE committee. Covered ground on both committees
  - Mostly reviewed a Welcome Place's development plan. Constance Wright and Celeste Richie are able to give comments on this plan.
  - Reviewed a development plan that will be on Farrington Rd.
  - Deniz mentioned that there are similar comments made that can be easily taught to new members so that more people who can review plans. Have begun documenting them and creating stock comments that will eventually be used as a tool for others to review plans in a standard way.
  - Following up with case planners to make it easier to access the site plans. Hard to share them currently with the team if you don't have certain software since the PDF files are really huge.
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)
  - Started out talking about "level of service" categorization. Only applies to motorists in Durham, but other places apply this thinking to pedestrian and bicyclists as well.
  - Hope to stay up to date with the repaving plans for restriping opportunities. Right now the notification cycle feels really short. Tasha Johnson and Clint Blackburn from the Public Works Dept are invited to the March meeting to discuss the resurfacing program.
  - Dan brought a letter to make headway on the ATC expansion. The developers have not been initially very responsive to comments. Aidil moved to have the letter approved. Michael 2nd. Unanimous approval to send the letter. It will also be shared with City Council and County Commissioners.
- Updates from Liaisons
  - Durham City Council (Javiera Caballero) - no
  - Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter) - Annual report got a big shout out at work session for youth empowerment, speakers, and racial equity work for the year. Approved a renewable energy plan last night for the county to help achieve goals to 80% renewable energy by 2030. Transitioning fleet of vehicles to electric over the next 5 years.
  - Duke University (Tyler Dewey) - Map of bike parking is live at this link now: <https://maps.duke.edu> > Parking > Bicycle. Working with folks at City to see if students can develop bike charging stations around campus and battery fixes to charge without removing battery. Want it to be scalable to see if it can be affordable for city to do.
  - NC Central University (Tony Patterson) - none
  - Comprehensive Plan (Aidil Ortiz & Ed Rizzuto) - Ellen and Ed met to further work on accessible transportation design and Transportation Working group will meet again before Planning Dept. will develop policy language over the next few weeks to share with
- Other Community Updates (All) - Come out to the last two Rail Trail feedback events.

- VI. Old Business 8:38**
- 2022 Retreat (Susanne Schmal) - thanks to all who helped with the treats.
  - Aidil will reach out to Black Girls Bike to see if someone is interested in being a speaker for Bike Month
- VII. New Business 8:42**
- Website Updates (Dale McKeel) - Listed committee meetings and vacancies clearly on page
  - Vacancy title for the "Walking/ Running/Pedestrian Community for Marginalized Groups" may be hard to explain for recruitment purposes
- VIII. Announcements and Updates 8:50**
- Scooter update from city or DOT has been requested. Robin mentioned that they made scooter corals for parking of them. Main concern is how scooters are left on sidewalk, mobility issues, and data on how it contributes to cars in high traffic areas.
  - Motion made and passed to continue meeting for 5 more minutes.
- IX. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 9:03**
- Promote the vacancies and upcoming events (Earth Day, Happy Trails) to your networks and social media
  - Aidil will reach out to BGDB-Durham chapter
  - share letter from Dev Rev out to city council and commissioners
  - invite folks to multi media/book club
- X. Adjourn 9:07**