



April 18, 2023
7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
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I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgements** - 7:09 pm.

Present: Michael Shepherd, Michael Moorman, Deniz Aydemir, Susanne Schmal, Ed Rizzuto, Brian Hawkins, Cesar Castro, Landon Baucom

Excused Absences: Kia Monast, Dan Clever, Scott Carter, Heidi Carter, Charice Mangum

Absent: Aidil Ortiz, Javiera Caballero, Jalen Baker

Staff: Hannah Reynolds, Emilie McIntosh, Brian Taylor, Robin Young

Guests: Paul Harvin, Aspen Romeyn, Mary Rose, Jeffrey Bakalchuck, Nathan Lee

** Land Acknowledgement read by Michael Shepherd

** Have three vacant positions currently with the Commission.

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - 7:13 pm
- None

III. **Approval of Minutes** - 7:14 pm
- Motion made to approve by Brian Hawkins, seconded by Michael Mormon. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Comments** - 7:15 pm.
- None

V. **Presentation-** Emilie McIntosh, City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department, *Year of the Trail-* 7:16 pm
- Manages over 30 miles of greenway trails and many more miles of unpaved trails within the system.
- Largest celebration of trails in NC history.
- Monthly trail-focused activity. Each month’s spotlight is on the Durham Parks and Rec website.
- Other activities: Saturday April 15, Men on the Move Walk, Wednesday May 3, Fun Caravan: A Day on the River, Friday May 5, History Hike: Playful Pastimes.

- June 10, 2023 signature event involving American Tobacco Trail. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Great Trail Day. Whole length of Tobacco Trail that will include two different runs, demonstrations on trail and pet etiquette, bike safety, etc.
- Trail repairs have been happening all year for a number of trails including New Hope Greenway and the American Tobacco Trail.
- Greattrailsnc.com has all events
 - o 10 mph speed limit on the American Tobacco Trail but no speed limit signs up on the trail. One giveaway during event will be stickers for speed limit for people.

VI. **Committee Reports** - 7:41 pm

- *Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report* (Susanne Schmal)
 - o First joint meeting this month.
 - o May – regular meeting time May 9th and then joint meeting again in June.
 - o In May, Healthy Mile Trail and BikeWalk NC will be joining.
 - o Encouraging involvement in upcoming Bike Week events, etc.
 - o Susanne and Deniz met with Aspen Romeyn to do a walk audit of his neighborhood. Susanne is preparing a report on the findings along with pictures.
- *Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report and Development Review Reports* (Michael Moorman)
 - o Group met with Lisa Miller and comments on the Comprehensive Plan. She suggested we look at the policies to see which should have the (D) label added.
 - Deniz has been working on these items and made some proposed revisions to 7 policies that were at least somewhat related to development projects. The committees would like to ask that this be revised to have them listed under Development, would also like to propose two new policy options to encourage building infrastructure for bike and pedestrian traffic when street resurfacing projects occur and encourage better collaboration between contractors and communities to make timely improvements.
 - Further revisions to the wording were completed during the BPAC meeting via input from Commission members and guests at the meeting.
 - Motion to approve sending the proposed revisions, modifications and two policy revisions as a commission to Lisa Miller was made by Ed Rizzuto, seconded by Brian Hawkins. Motion approved.

- First Meeting: spent a good part of meeting looking at issue from Wood Lake resident concerned with pedestrian/bike travel in the area. A portion of Woodcroft Parkway has no bike lanes and/or sidewalk.
- Also concern involving the new Northern High School. Terrible connection to Roxboro Road. Issues came down to there not being a good way of getting across the 5 lanes of roadway for anyone not in a motor vehicle. No crosswalk in that area and no sidewalk on one side.
- Updates from Liaisons:
 - Durham City Council - (No representative present)
 - Durham Board of County Commissioners (No representative present)
 - Duke University (No representative present)
 - NC Central University (No representative present)
 - Comprehensive Plan (Ed Rizzuto)
 - No other updates at this time.
- Other Community Updates (All)
 - None

VII. **Old Business – 8:35 pm**

- Earth Day Festival volunteer opportunities. Bike Valet on 4/23, Bike Month Kick Off at the Durham Museum of History 5/6.
- *Review of Presentation Topics*
 - EEE has Healthy Mile Trails presentation and BikeWalk NC in May, could be opportunity for them to come to full meeting as well in future.
 - Could be some other Comprehensive Plan information to share via presentation in the coming months.

VIII. **New Business - 8:37 pm.**

- Review of the Development Relevant Policies in the Comprehensive Plan took place during committee meetings.

IX. **Announcements and Updates - 8:38 pm**

- None.

X. **Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees - 8:39 pm**

- Deniz to reach out to Tyler about possible Duke replacements.
- Follow up with Emilie about handouts for Year of the Trail.
- Ed will also be following up with Emilie to help plan a discussion on service animal etiquette for the June 10th event.

- Possibility at a future meeting to draft a letter to Parks and Rec about speed limit signs on the trails.
- Suzanne to communicate about the walk audit summary recently performed by EEE.
- Deniz to communicate possible revisions to Comprehensive plan to Lisa Miller.

XI. **Adjourn** - 8:41 pm