



April 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

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**Call to Order, Roll Call, Intros, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgement 7:00**

Present: Tyler Dewey, Mike Shepherd, Mac Kendall, Deniz Aydemir, Michael Moorman, Adam Pyburn, Idreese Foxworth, Susanne Schmal, Dan Clever, Ed Rizzuto, Emily Egge, Aidil Ortiz, Javiera Caballero

Guests: Emily D'Agostino, Daniel Copple, Jack Anderson, Kaymille Sherman, David Bradway

Staff: Dale McKeel, Robin Young

Excused Absences: Tony Patterson, Kai Monast, Heidi Carter

Adjustments to the Agenda: Adam – mentioned that Daniel had something he wanted to bring up for streets being brought back into local control, will add to public comments. Michael Moorman – discuss letter in regards to MLK resurfacing.

**Approve minutes from March Meetings 7:14 pm-** motion moved Emily Egge, second Ed Rizzuto

**Public Comments – 7:15 pm** to Daniel Copple. He wanted to discuss his neighborhood in particular and learn about the process of getting local control of NC DOT controlled streets. He wanted to understand a little more about how to take first step and how to understand the City budgeting process. What is the analysis for him and his neighbors to start transition for streets to shift to local control? Aidil suggested that some of this might be underway and would be more on focus of whether those particular streets are in line to become city controlled in current plan. Javiera gave link for Move Durham

<https://www.durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34499/Move-Durham-Final-Report---Oct-2020?bidId>.

Long term there could be bond or federal grants, etc. to pursue this. Daniel wanted to know if there is initial work that can get underway now as to application, traffic study, etc... Javiera noted that Holloway St has an application out for federal RAISE grant. NC 147 is a state identified project on the list. Staff moving on both of these, but process is somewhat opaque in regards to whether grants on these other issue spots, i.e., Roxboro/Mangum, will get any assistance through grants or budgeting at this time.

Question on whether there was a movement to put cameras in intersections or school zones, speed cameras specifically. The City has place cameras at many signalized intersections but these re used to monitor traffic in real time, not for enforcement. Robin Young said the City does not keep recordings of the data from the cameras - State statute would require the city to keep 30 days of data before dumping and that would be burdensome, considering how many cameras the City maintains. For that reason Durham is just a live feed. Durham does not have the authority from the state legislature to install speed cameras, though a bill has been introduced by Durham's legislative delegation in each of the past three sessions.

Aidil and Javiera encouraged neighborhood to get involved in helping to warn offenders to monitor speed. Example is City of Charlotte “slow down” signs and blinking lights to use in yards and areas that are traffic concerns. Susanne mentioned that EEE discussed in last meeting and might ask that folks from Charlotte who have experience with these programs join us for a meeting in the future.

### **Presentations 7:37 pm**

#### Transportation Challenges for Youth Accessing Parks in Durham (Dr. Emily D’Agostino)

- Dr. D’Agostino works with Duke and in particular with kid’s fitness. Works completely in community setting with partnerships and how her skills can support them and use data to make a difference.
- Asked by City to try and increase participation in programs in parks to get kids active and outdoors. Going Places.
- Approx. 76% of US youth (3 of 4) don’t meet recommended physical activity guidelines.
- Trying to find ways of making transportation for youth safer and more efficient to get them involved in fitness programs and active.
- Get access to places by biking, walking and using public transit. Also want to get them to be advocates for more equitable transportation.
- Many components but showcase during presentation was on self-efficacy, safety perceptions, positive mentors and social cohesion.
- Advisory Board in place and run through teen program, My Durham, in Durham Parks and Rec. Lessons on riding bicycles, how to navigate traffic, how to maintain bike, how to walk safely, routes available, and teach ways to build and argument to promote equity around transportation.

#### Update on Triangle Bikeway Study (Dale McKeel)

- Project underway for 18 months, close to two years.
- Connection between Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Discussion of bikeway following I-40 for twenty years but picked up in last 5 years.
- Working group represents many groups, municipalities and businesses in the area. Lot of engagement in different formats.
- Project started in 2019 and got underway just as COVID started, many meetings were virtual and might have enhanced the attendance for some of these. 4,000 people participated in online surveys and workshops.
- Lot of emphasis on equitable access to project and catering to all ages and abilities. Also heard that majority of people are communicating by car but desire to walk/bike or have combination commute. 68% said they would use bikeway at least weekly.
- Would be 23 miles of bikeway and would mainly run adjacent to I-40 corridor and end at the bridge over I-440. Path a bit wider than most trails 16 feet vs 12 feet, to provide separate space for pedestrians. Would be lighting and divided for bicycle vs pedestrian traffic.
- Video. <https://vimeo.com/601859136/4bc3050c68>
- <https://trianglebikeway.com/>
- <https://www.pathfoundation.org/our-story>

Committee Reports 8:22 pm

EEE – Susanne Schmal

- Hanna Reynolds shared Bull E Bike program and goal to decrease single occupancy travel by incorporating E bike program and encouraging commute for downtown workers.
- Social Media – incorporating member spotlight. Tyler is first up. Shared some sample questions for this and encouraged ideas.
- Discussed Earth Day event and opportunities to volunteer
- Bike Month Durham and getting information on events coming in May
- BGDB presentation coming up and will need to publicize this further
- Tyler – brought up Bike Durham’s challenge for miles or locations biked to in month and their marketing around that. He is going to get some more information on that “Bike the Triangle”
- <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/355731190097/false#/invitation>

Dev Rev – Dan Clever

- Most of last meeting on PIE issues.
- Continued efforts to work on cheat sheet for development plans. Deniz is putting together presentation on what might help automate this some and make it easier for people to jump into. Will help provide resource for new members to get up to speed on the review process so it is easier for new members to join the committee and participate quicker.

PIE – Michael Moorman

- Letter proposal to City of Durham on resurfacing MLK Parkway. Opportunity to improve safety and lane usage for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- Susanne suggested moving section about fatality further up in the letter where it flowed better with some of the discussion on safety concerns instead of the accessibility.
- Emily moved to approve the letter, Mac seconded the motion. Letter was approved to be sent with the changes discussed during the meeting.

Javiera – no updates

Heidi – no updates

Tyler / Duke – no updates

Tony – Dale provided update on Safe Routes to School, CC Spalding event at Lawson and Roxboro, walk to NCCU campus and Tony has helped to organize this.

Ed – Comprehensive Plan - there are efforts underway to finalize the policy statements and it is expected that they will be presented to the community for feedback soon. Possibly week or two. Fear that some of the communities that have been historically underserved may not be targeted or named as having most need. Planning department is still thinking about the impact of naming particular neighborhoods and might decide to not name any neighborhoods at all instead of naming those that might be in most need historically. .

Community Updates – no other community updates

### **Old Business – 8:54 pm**

Grant Funds for a Facilitator or Speaker (Aidil Ortiz and Dale McKeel) – no updates on this. Dale has given feedback. Bike month events would be good opportunity to publicize upcoming event.

Review of Presentation Topics for Upcoming Meetings – went through topics, discussed upcoming months speakers, etc. Listed on page 3 of agenda.

### **New Business - 8:57 pm**

Earth Day Engagement - discussed ideas on what to present at event. Policy statements for Comp Plan may not be available but if they are we could present this. Emily brought up Triangle Bikeway map being presented at event and possibility of people to ask questions, etc.

**Announcements and Updates - 8:59 pm** - no other announcements

### **Communication Priorities from Meeting and Communities 8:59 pm.**

- Thinking about speeding and slow down message in neighborhoods until more permanent solution with bonds for take back the streets
- Follow up with Emily D'Agostino on contact within group
- Triangle Bikeway accepting comments through mid May
- Tyler will pull together some Go Triangle links at events
- Aidil and Ed to share Comp Plan docs if available
- PIE letter to go out
- Everyone to share their info as part of member spotlight for social media.

**Adjourn 9:01**