



May 16, 2023
7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92349600233>

I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgements** - 7:04 pm.

Present: Kai Monast, Michael Shepherd, Michael Moorman, Deniz Aydemir, Cesar Castro, Landon Baucom, Heidi Carter, Javiera Caballero, Dan Clever, Brian Hawkins, Ed Rizzuto, Jeffrey Bakalchuck, Scott Carter

Excused Absences: Susanne Schmal, Charice Mangum

Absent: Aidil Ortiz, Janel Baker

Staff: Hannah Reynolds, Brian Taylor, Robin Young

Guests: Mary Rose, Paul Harvin, Symonne F., Aspen

** Land Acknowledgement read by Michael Shepherd

** Hannah covered the open positions available with the Commission.

- County: Duke Liaison (accepting applications, vacant)
- County: Bicycle Community (accepting applications, vacant June 30)
- County: Senior Advocacy (accepting applications, vacant June 30)
- City: Youth Representative (ages 18-24) (accepting applications, vacant)
- City: Recreation/Urban Trails and Greenways (accepting applications July 1, vacant August 31)

County: <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/clerk-to-the-board/apply-here>

City: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/238/Boards-Committees-Commissions-Task-Force>

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - 7:20 p.m.

- Alexander Cahill could not make it tonight. We will still discuss Development Review as planned but with more of an overview.
- New member Jeffrey Bakalchuck was introduced and the other members of the Commission did introductions.

III. **Approval of Minutes** - 7:26 pm

- Motion made to approve by Scott Carter, seconded by Cesar Castro. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Comments** - 7:28 pm.

- There was a question about qualifications for being a member on the commission. Deniz addressed to attendee (anonymous).

V. **Presentation** – 7:35 p.m. Dan Clever led discussion on Development Plan Review.

- Main focus of Development Review Committee is to review plans that come into the department. They provide input on the UDO and plan itself as to potential improvements for pedestrian and cyclist traffic safety and access.
- UDO = Unified Development Ordinance. You can view Durham's UDO here: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/414/Unified-Development-Ordinance-UDO>
- Dan shared a plan for “Durham Summit” and used it as an example. Discussed observations for type of things that would be examined including zoning, design, etc.
- Dev Rev Cheat Sheet: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QhNkImBVEY1pFbXNRcgbHRdmf7Z915Kur_nVTJQrZHK/edit#heading=h.m2sgiywus5r
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP): <https://www.dchcmpo.org/what-we-do/programs-plans/comprehensive-transportation-plan>
- After comments are made they go into the planning commission website, then to the City Council and Commissioners to review for final approval.
- Opportunities to engage in the Comprehensive Plan are found here: <https://engagedurham.com/201/Adoption-Process>

VI. **Committee Reports** - 8:25 pm.

- *Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report* (Susanne Schmal)
 - Committee spoke about June 10th American Tobacco Trail event for Year of the Trail. Ed Rizzuto will be at the Pet Etiquette section and will be there to focus on service animal etiquette on the trail. Mile 0.0 will be the location for a BPAC table for Ed’s service animal presentation.
 - Laila Horton, Program Manager with BikeWalkNC, came in to speak about the NC Friendly Driver Program. <https://www.bikewalknc.org/safety-education/education-resources-for-motorists/>
 - Amber Taylor from Durham Co. Dept. of Public Health came in to speak about Healthy Mile Trails. She is going to keep in touch with us to give more details on potential upcoming trail volunteer opportunities.
 - Susanne is working on a write up for the Neighborhood Walk Audits that have been recently completed. Hopefully we will be able to present this to the full commission at the next meeting.
- *Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report and Development Review Reports* (Dan Clever and Michael Moorman)
 - Wrap up with Lisa Miller in regards to the Comp Plan. There were some last minutes asks for few more additions.

- Group also looked at site on Stadium Drive that only has one entry point. Group will follow up with planning to see what else might be done about that and committee will follow along.

- *Updates from Liaisons:*

- Durham City Council (Javiera Caballeru) - Proposed budget for the City includes 10 miles of sidewalk repairs, a Vision Zero coordinator and much more. There will be 10 miles of sidewalk to the Fayetteville Street corridor. City will be keeping buses fare free.
 - Both GoDurham and Access will be coming out of GoTriangle and will have a separate contract. They will not be city employees. Before, transit operators had two organizations managing their operations, now will just be City of Durham.
- Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter) - Heidi added that no tax increase with all of the investments that City is making. The final draft of Durham Co Public Transit Plan is out and voting will occur on May 22nd. Key items are to improve current system, connect region with quick and reliable service and have better experiences at stops and stations.
 - https://gotriangle.org/sites/default/files/durham_county_transit_plan_04-25-2023_reduced.pdf

- 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)

- Ride of Silence is tomorrow evening, May 17.

VII. **Old Business** – 8:49 pm

- Festival on the Eno – July 1 through July 4. Opportunity to get a table with Bike Durham but unsure if they will have volunteers there yet.

VIII. **Review of Presentation Topics** – 8:54

- No review this meeting. Will pick up next time.

IX. **New Business** - 8:55 pm.

- If you want to be on the listserv for new development plan review ask Deniz or Hannah to get added.

X. **Announcements and Updates** - 8:57 pm

- Guest Mary Rose brought up the amount of illegal parking taking place on Main Street in Durham and asked how to report vehicles that are illegally parked there. Several people commented on this.
 - o Jeffrey Bakalchuck suggested calling parking enforcement and asking for proactive enforcement of parking violations.
 - o Deniz suggested that Mary Rose come to one of the subcommittee meetings to help BPAC draft a letter on the issue and send in.

XI. **Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees** - 9:03 pm

- o We will invite Alexander Cahill back to speak next month.
- o Ed will update us with any more updates on the Trail Day event.
- o Deniz will send around Lisa Miller's response to our previous letter.
- o Hannah added that BPAC will get another \$1000 on July 1. We have \$500 to spend, need to do so by June 30. Could us on banner, table cloth, Ed's seeing eye dog plushies, etc.

XII. **Adjourn** - 9:05 pm