

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

Present: Michael Shepherd, Michael Moorman, Kai Monast, Heidi Carter, Deniz Aydemir, Landon Baucom, Ed Rizzuto, Scott Carter, Dan Clever, Jeffrey Bakalchuck

Excused Absences: Susanne Schmal

Absent: Aidil Ortiz, Janel Baker, Charice Mangum, Brian Hawkins, Cesar Castro

Staff: Hannah Reynolds, Sean Egan, Erin Convery, Brian Taylor, Eric Vitale, Robin Young

Guests: David Miller, Mary Rose Fontana, Nathan Lee

** Land Acknowledgement read by Kai Monast

**City Youth Representative position is closed; the County Youth Representative is open. Also on City there is Recreation Urban Trails and Greenways position open.

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - 7:07 pm
- None

III. **Approval of Minutes** - 7:08 pm
- Michael Moorman made motion, Kai Monast seconded. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Comments** - 7:09 pm.
- Mary Rose Fontana – “Are the Duke Liaison and Bicycle Community (County side for both) positions already being considered by the County Clerk?”. Yes, they are closed.

V. **Presentation** - 7:12 pm. Sean Egan, Director of Durham Transportation Department; Transportation Department Update.
- Staff overview for the Department of Transportation.
- Reviewed Department responsibilities and roles.
- FY Highlights:

- o Completed the Better Bus Project – reviewed stops, crosswalks to get to them, ineffective routes, etc.
- o Erwin Road Improvements – restriping of roadway, improved pedestrian access, etc.
- o Sidewalk Projects at Chapel Hill Road, Alston Ave, and multiple sidewalk gaps.

- Bull E-Bike Pilot – recruited downtown hospitality sector employees and focused on transportation disadvantaged and lower income participants.
- Look Ahead and FY 2024
 - Neighborhood Bike Routes – 7 miles of routes to help residents navigate safely, traffic calming measures added, etc.
 - New bike lanes installed citywide starting this summer, info on bike lane projects at www.durhamnc.gov/3606.
 - Proposed Capital Improvement Plan – funding Vision Zero Coordinator and a Transit Planner among other things.
 - Upcoming Planning Updates.
 - Bike + Walk Plan Update
 - Joint effort with Durham County
 - Develop the next set of priority bike/ped projects
 - NC 147 Study – Opportunity to reimagine the corridor and building on the Community Partner model.
- **Committee Reports** - 8:02 pm
- *Education, Encouragement, and Engagement Committee Report* (Deniz Aydemir)
 - Mary Rose attended meeting and gave update on “Week Without Drive” coming up in October.
<https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/programs/disabilitymobility/wwd/>
 - Spoke about filling youth seats and how to focus on that more.
 - Discussed stipends for both County and City members. Heidi updated us during meeting that stipends for County will be given for service on joint commissions and has been included in the budget. Might give us more ways of marketing Youth positions.
 - Great Trail Day event was success. Ed Rizzuto took part in event and reported that people seemed appreciative.
 - Walk Audit put together into report and useful way to present data. Will hopefully be able to finalize in meeting coming up soon.
 - Healthy Mile Trail will be examined further during summer in the hopes that we can take part as a Commission.
 - There was also a discussion on additional funds and maybe looking at t-shirts for members of Commission.
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)
 - Access points in Woodcroft Pkwy discussed. Points in neighborhood wanted for Piney Woods Park. This is maybe 50 yards of sidewalk away and must cross Woodcroft Parkway. Would also like access to fruit stand on Barbee Road, which has traffic moving way too fast down roadway. They would also like a

way to get to the ATC from the neighborhood. Brian Taylor gave good suggestions for what might be done.

- Also discussed an issue of how Dev Rev and PIE will be organized. We need to have two separate committees with a Chair, Co-chair and a “Scribe” to keep track of what occurs. Two new chairs need to be designated soon since Michael and Dan are no longer going to be in those positions.
 - There is a project for 72 new units being designed in area of Hinson Drive across Glenbrook which would cross through undeveloped area to Maynard Ave. This is a project to look at in the future for the Committee.
- Development Review Report (Dan Clever)
- Future of two Sub Committees discussed.
 - Spoke a little about plan on Olive Branch and Virgil Road. Some comments presented for that. Possibility to explore trail connection from one to the other.
- Updates from Liaisons:
- Durham City Council - (No representative present)
 - Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter)
 - Approved two transit plans. Durham County Transit plan approved by County Commissioners and New Fiscal Year Transit plan approved.
 - More than 75 bus stop improvement projects have been committed to by Go Triangle.
 - Food Access Shuttle for Senior, Durham Station and Paratransit Improvements are also part of the approved budget.
 - Duke University (No representative present)
 - NC Central University (No representative present)
 - Comprehensive Plan (Ed Rizzuto)
 - Deniz spoke about conversation with Bike Durham and DOST about definition of “safe” as it is used a number of times in the Comp Plan and needs to be clarified as to what it means in the context of the Plan.
 - Ed said no other updates, rolling to approval meetings in August.
- Other Community Updates (All)
- Deniz went to the “Strong Town” conference and the Vision Zero Institute locally.
 - Strong Towns is an organization started by Charles Marone. Main take away is that they prioritize the crash analysis studio and look at it as a design problem to see how it could have been avoided.

- Vision Zero Institute. Deniz found out that the coordinator will be filled in the fall and will likely have some kind of team on their own to be more mobile in dealing with problems and moving between groups.
 - The Raleigh members said that they are more focused on the low hanging fruit and try to improve it to make the situation safer. I.e. signal timing, making cross walks more visible, etc.

VI. **Old Business** – Did not cover during meeting.

VII. **New Business** - 8:51 pm.

- Structure of PIE and DEV REV
 - Back to having PIE meeting and having DEV REV Meeting. We would assign plans for members to review on their own outside the meeting and apply our member’s bandwidth to help meetings go smoother and spread the work around.
 - PIE will focus more on public comments and projects, DEV REV more about gathering comments that people have made prior to the PIE meeting.
 - July 6th meeting for Dev Rev will be next meeting and can we can further review roles and responsibilities. This chair role will be more along the line of being an administrator instead of being someone who can run the meeting and lead the discussion.
- More involvement in the Committee meetings is encouraged and we need members to be more involved in the work meetings happening in the Committee meetings themselves.

VIII. **Announcements and Updates** - Did not cover during meeting.

IX. **Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees** - Did not cover during the meeting.

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