



## Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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**NOTE: Minutes are draft and have not been reviewed and adopted by BPAC.**

June 21, 2022  
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92349600233>

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I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgement** 7:00 pm

Present: Deniz Aydemir, Mac Kendall, Scott Carter, Michael Moorman, Ed Rizzuto, Tyler Dewey, Kai Monast, Dan Clever, Cesar Castro, Michael Shepherd, and Heidi Carter

Guests: Alison Urban and David Bradway

Staff: Dale McKeel, Robin Young, Erin Convery, and Tom Devlin

Excused Absences: Susanne Schmal, Emily Egge, Aidil Ortiz, Adam Pyburn, Tony Patterson, and Javiera Caballero

Absent: James Barnes, Idreese Foxworth, and Monica Green

II. **Adjustments to Agenda** - 7:15 pm - no adjustments

III. **Approval of Minutes** – 7:16 pm.

- Motion made to approve by Tyler Dewey, seconded by Cesar Castro. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Comments** - 7:18 pm.

- David Bradway mentioned that he is working on the Erwin Road resurfacing and is happy to engage with us on it. Dale indicated that there should be an opportunity soon to do this.

V. **Presentation** - 7:19 pm

*Overview of City of Durham Transportation Budget* - Tom Devlin

- 48.8 million in budget, 36.2 of which falls under GoDurham for the transit system
- 4 sidewalks approved for this year, biggest one is E. Club Blvd. sidewalk. Building sidewalk on south side of Club, but community response wanted sidewalk on south side of the street. Plan was then put into place due to importance to the community.
- CIP Projects – bike facilities, neighborhood bike routes 2 & 3 Club Blvd. Bike lanes also at Foster St / Blackwell St lanes and Chapel Hill St/ Swift. Bike routes are scattered through the city.
- Parking: new parking rates in effect on July 1. Increase for off street \$2.25/hr, on-street \$2.50/hr and monthly \$125 - \$195. Discounted voucher program available for those who qualify and reduced civil penalties.
- Transit/ ACCESS Highlights – Fare free continues, new CBA = higher wages for drivers.

- \$22m in Better Bus Project and Durham Station projects, North Durham route improvements, GoDurham Connect, 6 Battery Electric Buses, 12 new ACCESS vans and new paratransit facility.
- Scott Carter asked for details on the bike lane projects; Tom answered that funding is primarily for paint and right-of-way acquisition. Scott also asked about parking costs and Tom answered that there is debt service for the newest parking deck downtown.
- Ed Rizzuto asked how the GoDurham Connect service is being marketed; Tom answered that postcards are being mailed to residents in the affected areas. Tom also added that taxi operators may be able to supplement Access services currently being provided by Userv, but that Uber and Lyft can't be used for this due to FTA regs and state law.
- Deniz Aydemir offered that the City should consider opportunities to reclaim space on streets that is currently used for parking.
- Mac Kendall asked Tom what the Transportation Dept is most excited about in the budget; Tom responded that it is improving transit service and the Durham Station Improvements. Tom also noted that the City could move forward with more sidewalk projects if there was a dedicated source of funding for sidewalks.

VI. **Committee Reports - 8:00 PM**

- *Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Mike Shepherd)*
  - Book club, Confessions of a Recovering Engineer, has been moved to August meeting of EEE meeting.
  - Comments for the comprehensive plan were discussed.
  - Social media member profile spotlight discussed and asked for input from group on any events happening in June and July to post.
  - Erin Convery mentioned that as the new bike routes and sidewalks open she will let us know so that we can post these on social media to get the word out.
  - Continued push for orientation slides and future education for new members.
- *Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)*
  - Most of time this month was spent talking about the comprehensive plan.
  - Burton Rd. development plan. Asked for space for bike lanes and connection to adjacent community.
  - Dixon and Chapel Hill Road. Convenience store on each corner, trying to redevelop lots. Limited to what we can ask for on these plans though and need to attempt update UDO in future to require bike lanes outside of downtown area more frequently.
- *Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)*
  - Intersection of 54 and Highgate. Another crash where a runner was injured. It is a dangerous situation/area where the ATT crosses the road.
  - Erwin Road is another issue. Bike Durham sent alert earlier today, need to keep our eyes on where this is going. Dale indicated that there are some public meetings that will be scheduled in next several weeks.
- Updates from Liaisons
  - *Durham City Council (Javiera Caballero)* – no updates (City Council is meeting tonight at same time as BPAC)

- *Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter)* – The County did approve their budget at the last board meeting. It is close to 800 million dollars, no property tax increase. This year the County added one transportation planner in Durham Co and the new budget approves one more and an admin support position. The Triangle Bikeway proposal was also approved at this meeting.
- *Duke University (Tyler Dewey)* – There was a brief meeting this week on Erwin Road, no decisions made. The meeting was intended to be an intro to project for the University. Based on the comments, it looks like construction is planned for August, so this will happen quickly.
- *NC Central University* – no updates. Dale indicated that Tony has moved to a position at UNC and we will need to advertise for the NCCU position.
- *Comprehensive Plan (Ed Rizzuto)* - We will talk about submitting comments and feedback in next section for BPAC. Outside of this, everyone is encouraged to submit comments that you might have as a resident on the other sections of the plan. Another “Ask a Planner” session is happening next Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. This is a good opportunity to ask questions.
- Other Community Updates (All) - None

VII. Old Business - 8:28 PM

- Review of Presentation Topics for Upcoming Meetings – next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup> and the meeting could be in person if emergency order ends.
- Review of Comprehensive Plan Policy Statements - Transportation (Aidil Ortiz and Ed Rizzuto) <https://durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/comprehensiveplan/policies/>
  - Separated comments into comments on existing policies and then policies that should be further extended or written out (attached)
  - These comments come from input of individual members over the last month and the results from each of the subcommittee meetings in June.
  - Deniz walked through the proposed comments with the group and took further suggestions on wording and presentation.
  - Motion to submit comments was approved by unanimous vote.

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees – Deniz will update finalized comments later in the week. Dale noted that BPAC is not meeting in July and the next meeting in August may be in person.

X. Adjourn - 9:20 PM