



Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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

7:00 pm

I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences, Equity and Land Acknowledgements** - 7:02 pm.

Present: Deniz Aydemir, Ed Rizzuto, Scott Carter, Aidil Ortiz, Andres Otero, Hannah Preston, Susanne Schmal, Nathan Lee, Dan Clever, Mike Shepherd, Cesar Castro

Excused Absences: Jeffery Bakalchuck, Brian Hawkins

Absent: Javiera Caballero

Staff: Hannah Reynolds, Heidi Carter, Eric Simpson, Ryan Eldridge

Guests: Michelle Sharp (Durham Bike Co-op), Tricia Smar, Kevin A., Mary Rose

**Land Acknowledgement read by Andres Otero

**Vacancies for the Bicycle Community position, Senior Advocacy position and there is an At Large position open with the County. Recreation Urban Trails and Greenways and the NCCU Liaison positions are still open for the City, although the NCCU position is up for appointment at the next City Council meeting.

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda** - 7:15 pm
- None

III. **Approval of Minutes** - 7:16 pm
- Motion to approve by Scott Carter, seconded by Ed Rizzuto. Motion approved.

IV. **Public Comments** - 7:17 pm.
- Tricia Smar – Discussed potential infrastructure bond for gaps in sidewalks connecting neighborhoods with schools and parks. What is best approach to take in getting support from City and/or County?
o Several suggestions were given by Aidil Ortiz, Heidi Carter and others.
o Non-Profits and/or County could both give support for this.
o Heidi indicated that she was going to ask about this as a possibility with the County and partner with Dept. of Education as “Safe Routes to School”. County could hold the bond referendum in the fall if so.
If this is determined to be a school project the County makes sense, if sidewalk is the only issue then it falls on the City.

V. **Presentation**- 7:37 pm. *Michelle Sharp, Durham Bike Co-op*

- Durham Bicycle Cooperate is an all volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3)
- Location is 1612 Acadia Street. They have approximately 1.5 years left on their contract with the City.
- In the last 3 years, DBC has restored and distributed over 1,000 bikes and given away almost 1,000 helmets.
- They have many outreach partners across Durham, including Safe Routes to School, Urban Ministries of Durham, Church World Service, and more.
- There is some uncertainty about their future in that facility. The current contract says that it is not renewable. DPC would like some assurances that they will continue to get the agreement extended by the City so that they can plan for the future.
- DPC is asking for BPAC support and a formal statement from BPAC to the City that they should keep the 1612 location or give another option so that plans can be made for a transition.
- During discussion it was decided that Michelle would get back to us on some proposed language and BPAC would review/vote on this in September.

- **Committee Reports - 8:07 pm**

- *Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)*
 - o Walk Audit draft review. Final version expected in next couple months. Should be ready to present to stakeholders soon.
 - o T-shirt designs by Hannah Preston (will be reviewed later in the meeting).
 - o Flyer designed by Deniz. EEE would like for this to be reviewed by the different committees to give good information to the public and encourage people to join us at meetings, etc.
 - o Brief conversation about revamping social media presence. Aidil and Andres both expressed some interest in looking into this.
 - o Healthy Mile Trail event on September 8th.
 - o Opportunities to go out for meeting at Durham Bike Co-op.

- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Deniz Aydemir)
 - o Discussion on NCDOT resurfacing for 2024 took up the bulk of time in the meeting.
 - o BPAC comments on this have been submitted to the City and this information has already been reviewed with the consultant.
 - o 2024 NCDOT resurfacing comments:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iwW1ATI5cggBcAMiWz55I9lu-92SfRLO/edit#gid=310709866>
 - o Opportunity for other members or public to be heard at these locations in future meetings.
 - o Durham Academy CO2 initiative to reduce footprint. Want to keep this discussion alive for anything that BPAC can do to help.

- Mainly go over UDO update and what to expect in the fall will be big topic for next meeting.
 - Mike Shepherd to fill in as chair for next meeting.
 - Mary Rose, guest, comments about resurfacing “I couldn’t tell if these were added in those lists, but if there are opportunities to reduce the curb radii on some of the intersections along the resurfacing projects, they might be good to consider before any designs are made. Even if the curbs aren’t physically altered, as that may be out of scope, restriping or other visual aides could give the illusion to reduced radii and be just as effective”.
- Development Review Report (Scott Carter)
 - Restructuring to make efforts more efficient.
 - Hannah is gate keeper to distribute development review plans in a round robin nature for individuals to pick those up and bring summaries to Dev Rev meetings.
 - Reviewed 4-5 development plans this past meeting, one was Rose of Sharon Road. Another on Sharon Road on 98.
 - A multi unit plan on Howard Property east on 98.
 - Another plan for multiple units near Coca Cola bottling plant that is a challenge being on Hillsborough Road with weak bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to support it.
 - Suggesting round-a-bouts on several of these locations as well as raised cross walks, ADA ramps at intersections, pedestrian signals, etc.
- Updates from Liaisons:
 - Durham City Council - (No representative present)
 - Durham Board of County Commissioners (Hannah Reynolds for Heidi Carter) - County update: There is a new stipend program for BPAC members who are County appointed. More information can be found here - <https://www.dconc.gov/county-departments/departments-a-e/clerk-to-the-board/boards-and-commissions/minutes-and-meeting-information/stipend-program>
 - Duke University (Nathan Lee) - updating Bike Ped Plan. 2017 last update. Rehired different consultants to identify 5-7 small scale projects to start implementing plan and improve bike/ped accessibility.
 - Survey can be completed online to ID problem areas, improvement ideas, etc.

- <https://dukebikepedplan.altago.site/>
 - NC Central University (No representative present)
 - Comprehensive Plan (Ed Rizzuto and Aidil Ortiz) -
 - June voting 12-0 to move plan forward. Final public hearing upcoming to approve.
- Other Community Updates (All)
 - <https://www.goforwardnc.org/durham-county-comment-period/short-range-transit-plan/>
 - Updates through 2028 being looked at. Feedback is encouraged via the link above or via email.

VI. **Old Business** – 8:44 pm

- 70 East Discussion
 - <https://bit.ly/us70east>
 - Survey to give comments on corridor via Page Road extension to I-85 (not all the way to Briar Creek).
 - Open house style meetings are being held. Comments preferred online even if you come to open house meetings. September 11, deadline.
- Dev Rev – Scott Carter, PIE – Mike Shepherd; serving as chairs for these meetings moving forward.
- Presentation Topics for future meetings – no additional topics mentioned.
 - Individual contacts from Apex or Raleigh about bond that was previously mentioned.

VII. **New Business** - 8:53

- T-shirt designs – Hannah Preston
 - Hannah showed both designs.
 - Committee reviewed designs and sounds as if the “biking bull” design is the consensus vote for a shirt.

VIII. **Announcements and Updates** - 9:00 pm

- Committee meeting invite sent to all members to accept and put on calendar. Might need to be revised by Hannah. Another invite will be sent.
- NCDOT coming to present next month for full DPAC meeting.
- Month after that in October, Durham Public Schools will give update on Safe Routes to Schools (officially transferred to County at that point).

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

- Email from Tricia
- Email from Durham Bike Co Op
- 70 East survey can be emailed out as well

X. **Adjourn** - 9:04 pm