



**CHARLOTTE  
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 23, 2020  
6:00 PM**

This meeting was conducted in remote session as a virtual meeting online due to COVID-19.

Members Present: Liza Pratt Veda Evans Milton Irizarry  
Caitlin Tobin Milton Irizarry Eoin Sheil  
Angela Stoyanovich Michael Trivette

Members Absent: Jamie Emmanuelli Adam Raskoskie

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Sorensen Scott Curry Vivian Coleman

Agenda Item # 1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Also present were Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker, Dick Winters, Eric Zaverl, and Jared Draper of Toole Design.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Dick Winters thanked CDOT for the All Kids Bike money.

Eric Zaverl asked to make sure people understand the SMP and Comp Plan and encouraged the group to explain it to their circle of friends so everyone knows what they are all about and are in support.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Veda Evans found a typo under agenda item #7; the subcommittee should be Education & Encouragement, not Engineering & Evaluation for the header. Eoin Sheil motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, Veda Evans seconded the motion and the January minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly Reports

### *Chair's report*

Ms. Evans stated they are going to be approaching subcommittees a little bit differently this year because they are considered open meetings. They must keep minutes and staff will attend. There are three vacancies. She will be going through the process to fill those vacancies over the next few months. They represent County, Mayor and City Council seats, so one of each. Will Washam explained the process and timeline for recommendations, etc. and noted that the process is spelled out on the City's Boards and Commissions webpage.

### *Staff Report*

Will Washam said he is working with CMS, the County Health SRTS Coordinator, and All Kids Bike to initiate a program that provides a turnkey program to teach young children how to ride a bike through their PE classes. They are looking at schools within the Corridors of Opportunity and HIN. He is scoping a modified Bike CLT, working with well-run-media, pushing out lots more digital/social media promotions and a podcast. Lastly there will be a final branding on the Mooresville to CLT trail by next month.

*City Council Report:* None.

*Board of County Commissioners Report:* None.

*Other Legislative Reports:* None.

### Agenda Item #6 Standing Subcommittee Reports

#### *Engineering and Evaluation*

The subcommittee met last week to finalize priorities.

#### *Education and Encouragement*

The subcommittee nailed down some of the priorities for the year to identify where things are lax. They will come back with more solid recommendations next month. Angie Stoyanovich added that some of the things talked about were almost philosophical, understanding the voice they have in the community and the role of the subcommittee to engage different cohorts of people. They are trying to better understand what their role is to determine priorities.

### Agenda Item #7 New business

#### *Draft Bicycle Priority Network presentation*

Scott Curry opened the presentation describing how the SMP folds into other plans and the reason for it. It's important to have a policy document that helps tie other plans together. The plan has aspirations to set new goals and for how we measure progress. Mr. Curry transitioned to talking about the BPN stating it will be an important tool to help guide incremental investment. Jared Draper from Toole Design Group, the consultant working on this, talked next. They want to make sure these corridors are connecting people to jobs and destinations, connect people from their homes to transit and greenways, and help change some trip behavior. Make it safer for people to make their daily trips without a car. The idea is to create a safe and equitable bike network. It does not account for every destination that could be connected to, but does strive to

improve connections overall. This will be a similar approach to Austin, Texas. He showed the project timeline. Will Washam took over and talked about how the facility selection matrix helped set the stage for this work to provide a more high-quality bike network. Streets Map development is the other component that helped generate this effort. Low-stress and signed bike routes and some greenways will comprise the network. Once finalized, there is more work to be done to look at projects for feasibility, alignments may shift a little bit but keep with the spirit of connections identified. Scott Curry came back to thank County staff for their help in updating their greenways master plan. We will leverage greenway network where we can and also “urban trails” that link gaps in greenway corridors. Meck Playbook is part of this effort. They are trying to tie into trails and greenways that extend beyond the Charlotte limits. Mr. Draper said they want to be able to tell the story of what this will accomplish. He showed four maps showing: a) connect majority of lowest income households, b) jobs, c) no vehicle access, d) highest density residential areas citywide. Mr. Curry asked the BAC to leave comments on a webmap tool. There is going to be a broader public engagement strategy as a part of the Charlotte Moves effort. Mr. Washam pulled up the map and explained the different layers/facility types. Jared Draper showed how to make a comment and said it will be available for comments over the next several weeks.

At this point the discussion was opened for questions. Someone asked which signed bike routes will be used? Eoin Sheil asked will project timelines be made available on the map? Scott Curry replied initially they wanted to try to include this on the map but they are still trying to get that info cleaned up on the GIS end first. Will Washam said the goal is for the dotted lines to drive our future project development. None of these are capital projects right now per se. This would be the universe of projects to pull from. Many of these corridors will be too costly to be standalone projects to be built in one bond cycle because it would eat up most of the bike program budget. Jared Draper shared that neighborhood low stress streets can mean different things to different people or from city to city. The goal is to make these AAA facilities by removing barriers. Eoin Sheil asked about using Strava heat maps. These are too heavily used for recreational rides was the reply. Caitlin Tobin asked about what level of engagement and with who. Scott Curry explained they are looking at the geographies and working on the specifics of this approach in the coming weeks. Angie Stoyanovich said she really appreciates all the effort being put into this. Caitlin Tobin encouraged everyone to take time to comment and even use some of the subcommittee meeting time to do so. This is a really important priority for the BAC to advise on she said.

### *BAC Priorities for 2021*

- Review priorities provided by subcommittees  
Engineering & Evaluation: The priorities were developed over the past few months. They want to have a member sitting in on town hall meetings, make recommendations on what projects to fund each bond cycle, research a bike facility maintenance program--what does that look like? And make sure they are advising Council when appropriate.

Education & Encouragement: Find out what is going on citywide and how can we add to it. What are the existing resources and make sure people know about them. Continue to stay engaged and updated as to what the community is doing. Serve as

stakeholders as needed to provide guidance such as the updated cycling guide.  
Connect with youth cycling programs like TFK..

- Affirm 2021 priorities

Caitlin asked to make a motion to approve the 2021 BAC subcommittee priorities if no more questions. Angie Stoyanovich motioned to approve, Liza Pratt seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #8 Member Topics and updates

None.

#### Agenda Item #9 Confirm next meeting and adjourn

The next scheduled BAC meeting is for March 23 and will be a joint meeting with the GAC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.