

Charlotte Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education and Encouragement Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2021

**Virtual meeting due to COVID-19.*

Members present: Angela Stoyanovich and Veda Evans

Members absent: None

Staff present: William Washam

Meeting started by subcommittee chair, Veda Evans.

Agenda Item #1:

Reviewed agenda which was adopted as the 2021 priorities approved during the February BAC meeting.

Agenda Item #2:

- Focused on priority 1 of the 2021 priorities which is *“identify and provide recommendations on City and County policies/initiatives that relate to or that can be positively impacted by including cycling education and encouragement”*.
- Discussed the findings from the March meeting as it pertains to county supported bike education programming.
- Below are the discussed programs as well as new points of contact.
- **Mecklenburg County Programs/Partnerships**
 - o **Learn to Ride**
 - The program will be potentially expanding as an official county program.
 - Point of contact, Gabe Hackney.
 - o **Individual Recreation Centers**
 - Brought up as potential areas of focus for programming discovery.
 - Questions asked:
 - What recreation centers have programming?
 - Which are adding programming?
 - o **Meck Bikes**
 - Identified as county programming.
 - They have a trailer and bikes (balance bikes and mountain bikes).
 - Traveling bike clinics and resource that the County Parks and Recreation facilities could use.
 - May need more mechanical assistance?
 - o **All Kids Bike**
 - Currently funded by private dollars, CDOT Bike Program funded three schools in Spring of 2021.
- It was noted by a community member a need for education and encouragement infrastructure.
 - o **Education and Encouragement infrastructure**

- Where is there infrastructure for teaching and engaging on your bike for recreation? Need a more engaging space than a parking lot...
 - Arbor Glen, where else?
- Reviewed who should come to speak at upcoming education and encouragement subcommittee meetings and answer questions?
 - o Someone from Meck Bikes: Gabe Hackney (LCI trained Rec Specialist), Justin Jackson
 - o Jay Tryon for programming?
- Subcommittee chair referenced a bike education recommended program document of a similar sized city. Information was sent out post meeting.