



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 22, 2017
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 with nine members present.

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| Members Present: | Robert Boyer | Bryan Hall | Adam Raskoskie |
| | Chris Gladora | Katie Lloyd | Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker |
| | Debra Franklin | Buzz Morley | Paul Benton |

Members Absent: Haley Beaupre

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| Staff Present: | David Harrison | Keith Sorensen | Celia Gray |
| | Dick Winters | | |

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

Paul Benton called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guest

Also present was Alex Riemondy of Charlotte DOT, Courtney Schultz of the Charlotte Area Transit System, Jeff Viscount of Weekly Rides, Brett Baronak of the Carolina Thread Trail, Eric Supil of Trips for Kids, and Christine Weber.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Jeff Viscount offered comments on last month's discussion regarding the purpose and role of the BAC. He encouraged the BAC to partner with advocacy organizations and provided other suggestions for opportunities to have a voice in government issues.

Christine Weber from Bank of America highlighted an effort she's calling the Charlotte Cycle Connection to promote cycling and awareness to fellow bank employees as well as other related events and efforts.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Katie Lloyd made a motion to approve the July 24th minutes, seconded by Chris Gladora. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 CATS Report – Celia Gray

There was no new information for CATS to report.

Agenda Item #6 Greenway Report – Dick Winters

Mr. Winters discussed how several new greenway projects were recently added to Mecklenburg County's capital improvement program.

Agenda Item #7 New business

Cross Charlotte Trail — Joe Frey

Mr. Frey from the City of Charlotte's Engineering and Property Management Department provided an update on the Cross Charlotte Trail project. He presented an updated map that represents the remaining uncompleted segments of trail, including the responsible jurisdictions and funding phases. Mr. Frey drew attention to segments in design that are anticipated to begin construction in the next few years; such as Brandywine to Tyvola, Central Avenue bridge, Davidson to Matheson, and beyond. Mr. Frey mentioned upcoming public meetings and online/social media updates. Ms. Franklin and Ms. Swanzy-Parker requested a council district overlay on the map. Mr. Raskoskie asked about coordination with neighboring counties. Mr. Baronak mentioned that discussions are ongoing with Lancaster and York counties regarding easements for Carolina Thread Trail greenway segments that would tie into the Cross Charlotte Trail.

Bike Share in Charlotte – Alex Riemondy

Ms. Riemondy from CDOT was present to discuss bike share topics in Charlotte. The first topic was a City of Charlotte/Charlotte B-Cycle partnership to expand the Charlotte B-Cycle system with the help of two Federal grants that were secured by the City of Charlotte. The City was awarded \$675,000 in Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding and \$1,000,000 in Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the purposes of bike share expansion. The City partnered with Charlotte B-Cycle for this expansion due to the fact that non-profits are not eligible applications for these federal funds. Instead, the proposed model would have the City own any new stations and bicycles purchased through the grant, while contracting with Charlotte B-Cycle to operate and maintain the equipment as part of the existing B-Cycle system in Charlotte. This partnership is expected to require no contribution of city funds, as the match for the federal funds will come from Charlotte B-Cycle.

Another hot topic in bike share is the emergence of dockless bike share. Charlotte has seen the first private deployment of dockless bike share in the public right-of-way by a company called V-Bikes. CDOT staff are now in contact with V-Bikes as well as other dockless bike share companies, and understands that there may be an interest to bring a substantial number of dockless bike share bikes to the city. Staff have requested that companies hold-off additional deployments until a bike share pilot program is developed and put in place, with the goal of having this up-and-running in September. The City's primary interest is to insure that any bike

share operators provide safe and orderly service within the right-of-way, with a particular focus on ensuring that sidewalks remain unobstructed.

CATS and Bicycle Safety – Courtney Schultz

Courtney Schultz from CATS Marketing Department was present to discuss Blue Line Extension progress and Operation Lifesaver safety tips for bicycling near trains and tracks.

Agenda Item #8 Old Business

BAC Purpose and Intent – Next Steps – Paul Benton

Mr. Benton discussed a previous agenda item regarding the purpose and intent of the BAC. He mentioned that an upcoming meeting, likely in October, would be solely focused on the topic of revisiting the BAC's rules of procedure, processes, communications, and potential work plan.

Agenda Item #9 Updates

No updates were given.

Agenda Item #10 Other business

No other business items were discussed.

Agenda Item #11 Confirm next meeting date and adjourn

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for September 26. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.