



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July, 24, 2018
6:00 PM**

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

Members Present: Debra L Franklin Haley Beaupre Adam Raskoskie
Nadine Ford Milton Irizarry Jr. Robby Boyer
Buzz Morley Bob Carter Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker

Members Absent: Bryan Hall

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Sorensen

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

Adam Raskoskie called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introductions of members and guests

Also present was Dick Winters with Safe Routes to School, Christine Weber, and Martin Zimmerman of Green Mobility.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Martin Zimmerman had a concern about bikes on the Lynx light rail cars; he said he cannot get his bike on the hook because they are mounted too high. Debra Franklin said the hooks in the new train cars are a little lower. Mr. Zimmerman feels they are not designed right and would like to know others' opinion—are others having trouble using them? Adam Raskoskie mentioned the new streetcars will be able to carry bikes.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Robby Boyer asked to have his statement about creating a music video noted as a humorous comment. With that amendment, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Haley Beaupre seconded the motion and the June minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 New business

Shared Mobility Pilot Program Update

Will Washam began with a presentation to the group explaining what the Shared Mobility Pilot Program is all about. Mr. Washam went over all the different forms of shared mobility here in Charlotte. He stated the City's aspiration is to be a premier city of transportation options. Mr.

Washam said the bikes and scooters are a good first/last mile transit connection. He went over the history of dockless bikes and e-scooters in Charlotte. Mr. Washam announced that ofo is out of the picture now which leaves three operators in Charlotte at this time. There are two companies operating e-scooters, Bird and Lime. Mr. Washam went over requirements of the pilot program. Keith Sorensen went over the data, what's working well and what are the challenges. Will Washam went over the evaluation of the program and what's been done in other cities. Mr. Washam then opened the topic for discussion. Buzz Morley asked what does equity of access mean. Debra Franklin wanted to know how fast the scooters can travel and said you cannot see the headlights on one of the two types. She also asked if they shut down after 9:00PM. Bob Carter asked about crash data. He said it's interesting that scooters have blown the bikes out of the water, and wanted to know if staff has benchmarks from other cities. Will Washam responded that NACTO has produced a best practices document which staff are using as a guide. Mr. Washam said he would like to hear more from the BAC on their opinion of sidewalk riding. Haley Beaupre said it would be good to teach riders they are actually safer riding in the street. Robby Boyer asked if bikes and scooters are being treated the same. He said he does not want to write an ordinance that would discourage ridership of either mode. Milton Irizarry and Haley Beaupre disagreed; they think that reckless riding needs to be discouraged at the very least. Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker asked if signage is needed to direct users where to park? Will Washam replied that the city does not want to invest too much into infrastructure because we don't know if the scooters will stick around. Mr. Washam stated he will keep the BAC up to date on this topic. Buzz Morley asked if the city reaches out to ask what the operators think will work best. Will Washam replied, yes, definitely; staff is working hand in hand with the scooter operators to raise the cap. Haley Beaupre asked if the questions could be sent out to the BAC. Adam Raskoskie asked to have the PPP sent. Milton Irizarry asked about reported crashes to CMPD. Keith Sorensen replied there have been none that he knows of yet, but noted that a crash on a bike share bike would likely be reported as just a bike crash and not one specifically on a shared bike. Bob Carter asked about the fee structure going forward—permits, overhead, staff time. Adam Raskoskie asked when will CDOT decide their recommendations. Will Washam replied in next couple months as the pilot wraps up in November.

Bicycle signal detection locations

Will Washam said he would like to hear from the BAC on where they would like to see bike signal detection. Ms. Swanzy-Parker asked if ADA compliance upgrades could have bike signals added as well. Mr. Washam replied that yes, in certain circumstances where new signals are being installed, or midblock HAWK signals, ped hybrid beacons, etc. Mr. Washam went over different technical options: puck, video, and other forms of detection. He said he mainly wants to know about existing signals on routes that cyclists are currently using. Milton Irizarry asked whether or not staff think a "roll-on-red" law, could it be passed here, which allows cyclists to ride through a red light after coming to a complete stop, if no cross traffic is approaching. BAC members suggested the following intersections as candidates for bike signal detectors: Caldwell at Belmont, Sharon Ln. and Sharon Rd., The Plaza and Anderson, Archdale and Old Pineville, Dilworth Rd. and Morehead, South Blvd. and New Bern (also Poindexter), and Caswell and 7th. Dick Winters suggested adopting NCDOT's technology; he said figure 8

detection is stronger/better, picks up bikes and cars if stopped over the center of the figure 8. Adam Raskoskie said he likes the idea of adding bike detection around the city as a quick win.

Proposed amendment to the BAC rules and procedures

Adam Raskoskie went over the two areas he would like to amend, order of business and standing subcommittees. He said the group is looking to establish subcommittees to have more time to get things done during regular monthly meetings. Mr. Raskoskie suggested forming subcommittees for Engineering, Evaluation, and Education & Encouragement. He went over attendance requirements, reminding the group that participation on a subcommittee does not count toward the regular monthly attendance requirement. Ms. Swanzy-Parker added some ideas about how to structure the committees: when, where, how often to meet? She suggested to keep it flexible so people can work it into their schedules. Bob Carter asked about a reporting schedule. Adam Raskoskie clarified that a topic would not need to come through a subcommittee first to be brought to the full BAC. Ms. Beaupre confirmed that subcommittee membership would be voluntary, not elected. Adam Raskoskie suggested making service length yearly and replacing as needed; he said he can appoint if someone desires to serve. Haley Beaupre asked if staff presence would be required. Adam Raskoskie confirmed no. There would be four members per subcommittee with a chairperson for each potentially.

Mr. Raskoskie went on to talk about the order of business topic. He stated proposed changes to add monthly reports from the BAC Chair, CDOT staff, and on County/City relations. Mr. Raskoskie gave examples of what kind of topics might be in each type of report such as other legislative reports, standing subcommittee reports, member topics and updates, etc. Debra Franklin and Adam Raskoskie both commented the BAC needs to do better on relations with the County, keeping them informed of what the BAC is doing and progress being made. Mr. Raskoskie said to expect voting on this next month. Robby Boyer moved for a straw vote, Bob Carter seconded. All voted in favor, Buzz Morley abstained.

Agenda Item #6 Old business

There was no old business brought before the committee.

Agenda Item #7 Other business

Ms. Swanzy-Parker talked about the Republican National Convention (RNC) coming to Charlotte. She asked what about tapping into RNC funding to leverage bike plan implementation to get things on the ground in time--anything that can help support better mobility options for the event. Adam Raskoskie mentioned how the B-Cycle system was timed to launch in time for the DNC. Ms. Swanzy-Parker also suggested to Dick Winters to think about how Park & Rec can leverage some of these funds for healthy transport? Bob Carter pointed out that by then we will be into year two of having the bike program funded and posed the question of how much money will be in the budget then, as something to think about. It was suggested the BAC form a temporary subcommittee for the RNC. Adam Raskoskie agreed, stating that ad hoc formation of a subcommittee is not precluded by forming standing subcommittees.

Nadine Ford announced that 24 hours of booty would be taking place the coming weekend. She talked about Pedal to Porch, a story telling bike ride coming up, starting with the west side in October and covering the whole city eventually. Adam Raskoskie said if the Education & Encouragement subcommittee is off the ground by then this would be a good event to be involved with. Dick Winters announced August 18th is the next Learn-to-Ride event. Mr. Carter thanked CDOT for approval of lane modifications for the upcoming Tour de Turns. Ms. Franklin announced she is a board member of Bike/Walk NC and Terry Lansdell is the ED and is from Charlotte so there may be an opportunity to get some money or help from him.

Agenda Item #8 Confirm next meeting date and adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28.