



**CHARLOTTE
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 24, 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 Jamie Emmanuelli
Caitlin Tobin Milton Irizarry Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker
Angela Stoyanovich Eoin Sheil Adam Raskoskie

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Sorensen Vivian Coleman

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

Adam Raskoskie called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Also present was Eric Zaverl of Sustain Charlotte, Christine Weber of Uptown Commuters, Martin Zimmerman, and Dustin Brenham.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Eric Zaverl announced that the Charlotte Moves task force last meeting will be December 3 and he should have an idea of what is going to Council on December 14 after this meeting.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Eoin Sheil moved to approve the October minutes. Caitlin Tobin seconded the motion and the October minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly reports

Chair's report: Adam Raskoskie confirmed that Debra Franklin has stepped down. The County deferred selecting an appointee until their next meeting. Elizabeth Swanzy-Parker and Adam Raskoskie intend to step down from chair and vice chair by the end of the year. Mr. Raskoskie intends to continue serving on the BAC but Ms. Swanzy-Parker's term will be coming to an end. So the committee will need to approve a new chair and vice chair. Mr. Raskoskie encouraged members to consider stepping into this role. Will Washam confirmed with the County Clerk that the four applicants that had applied before the November 10 deadline are the only ones being considered. Two of these candidates will end up serving on the BAC.

Staff report: Will Washam announced a December 9 work session for the bicycle priority network as part of the SMP. They will be very small groups, no more than six people, held at the Urban Design Center. He hopes to bring a first draft back to the whole BAC in January.

Program wrap up for Bike CLT: Mr. Washam announced the Bike CLT website will stay up so all of the ride maps are still available year-round and CDOT will continue to use it as a resource. The new consultant team was able to grow engagement through social media. The Charlotte bike legends series will continue to recognize individuals who have contributed to the Charlotte cycling community each year.

City Council Report: Adam Raskoskie said he is happy the transportation bond package passed.

Board of County Commissioners' report: None.

*Other Legislative Reports:*None.

Agenda Item #6 Standing subcommittee reports

Engineering & Evaluation: None except for what is in new business.

Education & Encouragement: The 311 agenda item is the bulk of the report along with the review of what has been done for the year.

Agenda Item #7 New business

Strategic Mobility Plan BAC Support

Caitlin Tobin gave some context on why to send the letter to Council in support of the SMP. The Engineering & Evaluation subcommittee has been following the progress and has adopted the position to support the recommendations that are coming out of the SMP. Phase 1 is underway with data collection, receiving recommendations from the Charlotte Moves Task Force. The task force has been working on a suite of recommendations that will not only impact the SMP but other city policies as well. Ms. Tobin went over the timing of what will happen when. There was discussion about funding amounts and sources. Adam Raskoskie suggested including a statement that the BAC wants to remain an active partner. He noted talking about funding at this point may be a bit premature and the BAC can provide their perspective on that moving forward. There was a question about mode share and Caitlin Tobin said the 5% mode share is what the Engineering and Evaluation subcommittee came up with as a goal. Eric Zaverl suggested to keep the mode share recommendation because this has not been discussed as a goal tied to an actual number by the task force. Veda Evans moved to add Mr. Raskoskie's suggestion that the BAC be included in the discussion as an edit. Caitlin Tobin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Caitlin Tobin suggested someone from the BAC attend the public hearing on December 14. Mr. Raskoskie replied they can figure that out and no need to make a motion for that.

2020 Annual Report

Adam Raskoskie suggested punting discussion on this agenda item to the December meeting. He also suggested taking a look forward at what the committee wants to achieve in 2021. Veda Evans said that the Education and Encouragement subcommittee wants to make sure that the Charlotte Cycling Guide gets updated. Angie Stoyanovich said she wants to help encourage and support all the new cyclists in Charlotte as a result of COVID. She wants to engage them and support their safety, find ways to embrace this new body of cyclists. Ms. Swanzy-Parker said it's important to have a digital bike map. She really wants to see the BAC make that a priority to carry forward for 2021. She acknowledged we already have one but thinks it could be improved in this digital age of COVID. Veda Evans wants to see emphasis on educating both cyclists and drivers at the local level. Adam Raskoskie said the committee will have a chance to look at that before they submit to Council.

2020 Bicycle Program Bond Overview

Will Washam announced the \$4 million bond package was passed for the Bicycle Program for the next two years. He went over the 5 Es of the bike plan in terms of priorities of what gets funded. CDOT will use the plan to guide funding decisions and is looking to invest \$3.2 million in infrastructure and \$0.25 million in education and encouragement. Administration and staff time are also paid from the bond money. The Uptown CycleLink map was shared to show what is funded and what is not. The Elizabeth bikeway connections project is wrapping up. The West Charlotte Bicycle Corridor Project, bike counts, and the Bicycle Design Guide will also be funded, along with a local match for the Mooresville to Charlotte bike trail study. A signed bike routes conversion study and bicycle connectivity study will also receive funding.

Under Education & Encouragement the following projects will be funded: Bike CLT, OS704, a portable pump track/bike park development, bike parking program, free give-aways—bike lights, etc.

Ms. Stoyanovich talked about the plan for education; she wants to find a way to work with the County Registrar to tackle this issue to educate drivers that cyclists belong in the street. Mr. Washam noted that aggressive driving falls under the police and this may be a good opportunity for the BAC to build a relationship with the police, similar to how Mr. Irizarry worked with 311. Adam Raskoskie thinks it is important to educate drivers before the police need to get involved. He also pointed out the BAC is part of CDOT not the police. Angie Stoyanovich sees this as more of a proactive approach than reactive and posed how can we educate younger drivers? Ms. Swanzy-Parker talked about equity and not all populations across our county have equal access to cycling infrastructure and other resources. How much do we tap into these underserved communities?

Agenda Item #8 Old Business

311 Bicycle Category Requests

Milton Irizarry discussed the edits to the memo the Education & Encouragement subcommittee wants to send to Council. There was some discussion on what types of complaints should be

included on the app regarding cycling. There was also some discussion of who to submit the memo to, the head of 311 or Council. Mr. Raskoskie suggested tabling until next month and ask the City Clerk's office about the legitimacy of making a recommendation to another department.

Agenda Item #9 Member topics and updates

Mr. Raskoskie stated the BAC will not have a holiday social because of COVID and suggested having a brief meeting then socializing on WebEx afterwards.

Agenda Item #10 Confirm next meeting and adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BAC is December 22.

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