



City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Public Works Department • Transportation Services Division
P.O. Box 590 • Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

December 14, 2009, 5:30 PM
Raleigh Municipal Building, Room 305
222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC

AGENDA

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2009 Meeting

Public Comments

This is an opportunity for public comment on items or issues that are otherwise not on the agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes per speaker.

Special Presentation

1. Bicycle experiences in Tempe, Arizona - presentation by Alan Wiggs

New Business

1. Bicycle Planning – staff will provide an education session on the City's current plans, policies, funding sources, and project programming relative to on-street cycling.

Old Business

1. Draft Work Plan – the Commission will continue to develop its annual work plan for the City Council's consideration.
2. Hillsborough Street Bicycle Accommodations – staff will provide an update on the status of discussions on bicycle treatments for this project.

Committee Reports

1. Bike First Friday – Chairperson Julie Woosley will provide an update.

Deferred Items (not scheduled for discussion)

1. Bicycle and pedestrian connections from North Raleigh to inside the Beltline.

Announcements

Adjournment



City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Public Works Department • Transportation Services Division
P.O. Box 590 • Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2009

The City of Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission met on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 5:30 pm in Room 303 at the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, with the following members present:

Commission Members

Steven Waters
Julie Woosley
Michael Dayton
Brian McCrodden
Sig Hutchinson
Alan Wiggs
Charlotte Mitchell

Staff

Eric Lamb, Transportation Services Manager
Fleming El-Amin, Transportation Planner
April Webb, Administrative Support
Vic Lebsock, Parks & Recreation
Stefanie Toftey, Parks & Recreation

1) Introductions

Ms. Woosley called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and introduced herself and requested that city staff, BPAC members and guests introduce themselves.

2) Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2009 meeting; it was properly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3) Open Discussion

Mr. Victor Lytvinenko asked for an update on last Tuesday's council meeting regarding Hillsborough Street. Ms. Woosley stated that she presented the commission's recommendations to the City Council regarding reopening the public input process on the Hillsborough Street plan relating to bicycle lanes and markings. She reported that the City Council referred the discussion to their Public Works Committee. Mr. McCrodden stated that markings other than sharrows should be considered. Mr. Lamb suggested that for the next meeting he could give a brief summary of what was presented to the city council.

Mr. Sal Corbo requested that the commission and the City place more emphasis on using education to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

A short discussion occurred regarding the recent "Dangerous by Design" report that identified the Raleigh metro area as the 6th most dangerous city in the nation for pedestrians based on fatality rates. Mr. Lamb advised the commission that it may be asked by the City Council to look into this matter further.

4) Pedestrian Program Overview

Mr. Lamb gave an overview of the City's current pedestrian program, including the Capital Improvement Program, current street improvement projects, sidewalk evaluation guidelines, and the 2009 Sidewalk program priority list. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Projected expenditures in the CIP rely almost exclusively upon transportation bond funds, which are dependent upon successful referenda;
- Anderson Drive will be striped for bike lanes as part of an upcoming traffic calming project;
- A total of 75 new bus shelters are being built around the City. Ms. Shelly Epps, Triangle Transit, noted that several of these shelters will be along Capital Boulevard between downtown Raleigh and Triangle Town Center.

Mr. Hutchinson requested that more emphasis be placed on wayfinding measures where greenways intersect with streets.

Mr. Dayton asked about the relationship between the City and NCDOT when it pertains to street improvements. Mr. Lamb explained that any City construction in a state-maintained right-of-way encroachment approval by NCDOT.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested that the commission could provide outreach to help encourage connectivity around schools and other large institutions in order to make access easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Mr. El-Amin will provide a full version of the new 2030 Comprehensive Plan to each member at the next meeting.

5) Bike First Friday ad hoc Committee

Ms. Woosley announced that the committee will meet sometime in December. Mr. Lamb spoke with Police Captain Darrell Salmon and verified that there is no additional police presence during First Fridays in general. Captain Salmon has requested to be the point of contact with RPD regarding this issue.

6) Work Plan

Ms. Woosley presented several items to be considered in a draft work plan for the commission. Mr. Hutchinson suggested that Raleigh aim for bicycle-friendly city designation by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) as an element of the work plan. Mr. Corbo informed the commission that the LAB website has a lot of information and reference information available (www.bikeleague.org).

Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
November 9, 2009

Ms. Epps made a suggestion that the City look at a program similar to Atlanta's "Hands on Atlanta," in which citizens use online forms to identify locations where repairs are needed or where missing links of sidewalk exist.

Regarding the proposed work plan item for greenway interface and etiquette, Mr. Lamb suggested that the commission consider a future joint meeting with the Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board along with a future presentation from the City's Parks & Recreation staff on the subject.

This item was held at the table for discussion at the next meeting.

7) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2009 at 5:30pm in Room 303 in the Raleigh Municipal Building.

8) Announcements

A public meeting to review plans for the proposed widening and sidewalk improvements on Wade Avenue between Ridge Road and Faircloth Street will be held at Jaycee Park on November 19, 2009 from 4-6pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Webb