



CHARLOTTE
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 27, 2021
6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted in remote session as a virtual, joint meeting of the BAC and GAC online due to COVID-19.

BAC Members Present: Michael Trivette Veda Evans Adam Raskoskie
Caitlin Tobin Jamie Emmanuelli Eoin Sheil
Angela Stoyanovich

Members Absent: Liza Pratt

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Sorensen Scott Curry Scott Correll
Keith Bryant

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairperson Tobin.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Also present were: Dick Winters, Eric Supil with TFKC, Eric Zaverl of Sustain Charlotte, and Dustin Branham, citizen advocate.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Dick Winters talked about Bikes for Neighbors. The first ten refurbished B-Cycles were delivered on Saturday to the Statesville Ave location.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Veda Evans moved to approve the March BAC and subcommittee minutes along with the February BAC minutes. Adam Raskoskie seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly reports

Chair report: Caitlin Tobin said there was an advisory boards and commissions appreciation meeting she attended. It was a nice thank you for our work. She wants to send a letter to Council acknowledging all the great work Vivian Coleman has done supporting bike/ped projects and policy development in Charlotte over her career with the City. Will Washam gave a summary of

the draft letter, touching on her work. Angie Stoyanovich said she does not know her but thinks it is great to celebrate someone's tenure and give accolades and kudos. Adam Raskoskie supports recognizing Mrs. Coleman who has been an ally of this committee. Ms. Stoyanovich made a motion to adopt the letter, Mr. Trivette seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Staff report: Will Washam is working on Bike Charlotte content. He wasn't sure how the events were going to unfold this year with COVID. The consultant is working on video production to promote this year's routes and using bikes on transit in partnership with CATS. Will Washam will do an update on bike program initiatives next month.

Agenda Item #6 Standing Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports were shared this month.

Agenda Item #7 New business

Uptown CycleLink

Will Washam gave a presentation on the Uptown CycleLink and introduced Keith Bryant as the engineering expert working on this project. He gave background for new members; the purpose is to look at how to create AAA, all-ages bike facilities to get in and around uptown. Mr. Washam shared the timeline and went over the feasibility study. This project is a rebranding of the Uptown Connects study. He showed the concept map and priority corridors. There will be a total of seven miles of separated bike lane. These will connect to the rest of the bike network beyond uptown. The 5th/6th Street cycletrack is just one piece of this, the first built. Scott Curry jumped in to talk about the early planning charrette, working with consultants and private development. The study advances beyond the feasibility stage because it includes cost estimates. We get a jumpstart on design this way. Mr. Curry shared renderings for the different segments and the overhead concept plans. Some of this is coming through private development that is under construction right now. There is a lot of redevelopment taking place uptown right now, so we are trying to coordinate and get pieces in place where applicable. There is 3.5 miles in construction right now and it is scheduled to be complete in December. Hill St has a big development, so we are getting a connection there too. Angie Stoyanovich asked how. Will Washam explained requirements in permitting/site plan approval. Scott Curry described the public/private partnership process. Will Washam explained the CycleLink map; what's on the ground, in construction, and funded. Scott Curry said it helps tell the story of "bike lanes to nowhere" that will connect in the future. He shared the project link and said you can look through the entire study and see how and why decisions were made, which side of street will the bike lane be on, etc.

Veda Evans asked what is the anticipated timeline to complete the whole network? Will Washam said we only know what we have funding for and will have to wait until the next round of City budgeting unfolds to see what can be done next. Angie Stoyanovich wanted to know what is the budget to market the CycleLink? Will Washam showed construction costs and explained what needs to be done. Ms. Stoyanovich wants to make sure it is well marketed to the community and our constituents. Mr. Washam replied we plan to have a large grand opening ceremony like we

did with The Plaza; elected officials to cut the ribbon. But there is no standalone marketing budget, it will be part of the E&E efforts CDOT does as a whole, part of our general programming with a concerted focus. Caitlin Tobin suggested it would be a good idea to provide educational materials, similar to what was put out for the 5th St cycletrack. Dustin Branham asked if there will be leaning rails like on The Plaza? Scott Curry replied that is TBD, concept plans don't get into that level of detail. We are testing the ones on The Plaza to see how well they work. Caitlin Tobin asked is there anything we can do to support staff on bringing this to fruition. Will Washam said the City needs as much citizen amplification on social media to support, more likes on twitter and FB will help. Scott Curry said talk through if and how you want to promote for City Council to fund this. There are still a lot of blue lines on the map that need capital investment. Eoin Sheil asked about funding. Scott Curry explained how this project could be a named bond project where it is IDed within the bond itself as a named project. The other primary way is through the Bike Program budget itself. These would be the two primary ways this can be funded by the City. Caitlin Tobin thinks it might be helpful at the subcommittee level to really dive into how best to craft these budget recommendations. Angie Stoyanovich shared her ideas, hashtags to repost the CycleLink stories. She asked is there a way we can take quotes from the BAC to post on social media to encourage why this is important--safety, sharing the road, mobility options, etc.--specifically have talking points about how important this protection is, these type of facilities. Caitlin Tobin suggested someone could make a motion to adopt a letter of support tonight, or we could talk about it more in subcommittees and come back with it next month. Eoin Sheil asked is there a rush, should we take our time or get something out ASAP? Scott Curry replied next week the CM is going to make a budget presentation to show how the City plans to handle CIP investment over the next few bond cycles. Veda Evans said if there is a push to get a letter out and there is time, she would like to review in subcommittee to make a more informed decision. Adam Raskoskie asked should we have a letter that more broadly explains what we want to see funded beyond just the CycleLink? He thinks they should come back with something more specific than just saying we support it because we have already said that in the past. Jaime Emanuelli supports looking into it a little bit deeper but does not want to get stuck spinning our wheels. Mr. Trivette said he agrees with Adam. Mrs. Tobin said it sounds like there is a general agreement to take back to subcommittee and discuss further to develop a letter of support for this project. Ms. Stoyanovich suggested a big picture outline; we don't want it to fall on deaf ears, highlighted #1 safety and then attraction to uptown, environmental health and recreation as reasons. She suggested to think in those terms and come up with more specifics to support those ideas. Mr. Curry gave credit and praise to those who helped put this together, specifically Vivian Coleman who is retiring, and also Scott Correll, who spearheaded the pilot project on the 6th Street Cycletrack study.

2040 Comprehensive Plan Overview

Scott Correll took over to talk about the comp plan. He stated the main thing is it's a land use vision for equitable growth and to create complete communities. Charlotte is now the 15th largest city in the nation and lots more people continue to move here. It's going to be a very big city by 2040. Mr. Correll talked about the arc and the wedge, socioeconomic segregation over the years. The planning team analyzed data and determined the main things are access to jobs,

transportation, and environmental justice. The arc is neighborhoods most vulnerable to displacement. They did a lot of public outreach to get feedback and buy-in. The plan has ten goals, but he is only going to focus on two of them tonight. How all the goals work together is the most important part. Ten-minute neighborhoods is the most important in shaping how the city is going to grow in the future. Mr. Correll described what that looks like, what that means; access to groceries, etc., the things people need. Instead of trying to restructure the bus routes, reshape development to encourage more mixed uses. Plan multiple land uses to be a ten-minute walk or bike ride. The bicycle gives more flexibility because you can travel to further destinations. Goal five is safe and equitable mobility, the other goal he wants to emphasize. Mr. Correll explained how it relates to Charlotte Moves. They have been working closely with CDOT to develop this part of the plan, which will get implemented through the UDO and the Streets Map. CIP and development are the two main ways we get things done. Place Types are the future land use palette, similar to form-based code, kind of a hybrid. They are trying to define the different types of neighborhoods there will be throughout the city. It is less prescriptive than every individual parcel having its own zoning. Mr. Correll went over the timeline to show how it all fits together. There is a whole section of the plan that talks about implementation. We have the next ten years to refine place types for specific areas of the city. Recommendations for CIP preparation and scoring are based on an equitable growth framework and will have metrics to measure how well we are meeting the goals.

BAC letter of support for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Caitlin Tobin pointed out that the goals Mr. Correll went over align well with the goals in the BAC's draft letter of recommendation. Ms. Evans asked about mode share. Scott replied the SMP will define what the targets should be, not in comp plan. Mrs. Tobin asked for thoughts on the draft letter. Mr. Raskoskie said he thinks the comp plan is critical and has to be adopted. He thinks we have to become denser to accommodate all the new population growth and thinks we need to embrace that because it ties into all the other goals--sustainability, equity, etc. Veda Evans thinks mode share should be included in the letter to emphasize support for moving in that direction. Eric Z. suggested this is an important part of the plan to reference and endorse. Dustin Branham shared he doesn't think Portland is a world class city. Mike Trivette thinks they could replace it with Vancouver, that it's better to say don't do it like Atlanta. He thinks Council cares more about transit than bikes so they should talk about first mile/last mile with mode share. Rather than primary mode, what percentage of an individual's trips are by what modes? Angie Stoyanovich thinks she just wants to emphasize the importance of embracing all modes of transportation. Mr. Raskoskie is hesitant to use negative comparisons when calling out particular cities. Better to state what we want to be rather than what we don't want to be.

Angie Stoyanovich made a motion to adopt the letter of support with any fact checking that it may need. Eoin Sheil seconded. All members said yes with Veda Evans wanting some work on the mode-share wording.

Agenda Item #8 Member topics and updates

None.

Agenda Item #9 Confirm next meeting and adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM. The next regularly scheduled BAC meeting is May 25th.