



CHARLOTTE
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 25, 2021
6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted in remote session as a virtual meeting due to COVID-19.

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

Members Absent: Michael Trivette

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Sorensen Johanna Quinn

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introductions of members and guests

Also present were Kate Cavazza with County Health, Eric Supil of TFKC, Eric Zaverl of Sustain Charlotte, Dick Winters, and Charlotte Cadieux of TFKC.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Eric Supil shared that TFKC will partner with CLT Bike Camp in Lakeview this summer.

Eric Zaverl said June 3rd is the deadline to provide feedback on the comp plan.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Adam Raskoskie moved to approve the minutes from the April BAC meeting along with the Engineering & Evaluation subcommittee minutes, Veda Evans seconded the motion. Both minutes were approved with Angie Stoyanovich and Liza Pratt abstaining.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly reports

Chair's report: Caitlin Tobin reported back that the Mayor's appreciation event was very nice.

Staff report: Will Washam went over some education and encouragement items. The consultant team did some Bike CLT video shooting last week. They are going to be producing a number of educational videos throughout the year. Strider Bikes were delivered to three elementary schools that will be participating in the All Kids Bike program next school year. There will be a pop-up

bike park in Cornelius Park. Kate Cavazza gave background on how we were going to do this as a part of Open Streets spring of last year but then COVID happened. The pop-up will run from June 14 to 20. TFK is helping with programming to focus on bike education and community outreach. There will be a beginner and intermediate skills park. She showed what it will look like. Will Washam talked about his trip to Bentonville and the quick-build bike park he visited there. Veda Evans asked what the capacity will be. Kids will be rolling thru, socially distanced. Mr. Washam talked about the benefits, spreading joy and enthusiasm for cycling, and grow the local bike culture.

City Council report: None.

Board of County Commissioners report: None.

Other legislative reports: None.

Agenda Item #6 Standing subcommittee reports

Engineering & Evaluation: Caitlin Tobin reported they met last week and have a draft letter of recommendation to Council encouraging the City to maintain all the new bike facilities being built and the importance of proper, ongoing maintenance for rider safety. She asked the BAC to share any photos of poorly maintained bike lanes with Mike. The other update is the letter to support the comp plan was submitted to Council. Mrs. Tobin encouraged the group to continue supporting the plan within their friend groups.

Education & Encouragement: Veda Evans said in their meeting they focused on priority one, to provide quality programming. They looked at what programs the City and County are currently offering such as Learn-to-Ride, Meck Playbook, etc. Ms. Evans suggested reviewing the Playbook. There seems to be a lot of interest in bike parks. She suggested partnering with the County to advocate for greenways and pop-up parks.

Agenda Item #7 New business

City Manager's FY2022 Proposed Budget

Caitlin Tobin gave some background on the importance of the Capital Investment Plan. Will Washam showed all the info available on the website. The City adopts a new CIP every two years with the bonds. He shared some of the projects on the list for advanced planning and design. Within the Transportation Planning & Environment section Mr. Washam pointed out that the City intends to complete the XCLT. Ped program funding would go from \$15 mil to \$50 mil. The Bike Program would go from \$4 mil to \$8 mil in the next bond cycle. If passed, allows us to work harder and push for more and bigger projects.

Eoin Sheil asked about the straw vote and what this means. Adam Raskoskie asked if anybody has a sense of City Council's support for these bike/ped funding increases. Mr. Sheil said Larken is supportive, but not sure about others. Mrs. Tobin thinks we need to send a formal letter of support regardless. Mr. Raskoskie thinks it could be even more but we don't need to push for that right now, maybe a future argument. Mrs. Tobin said they can later make more specific funding recommendations for particular projects, like the uptown cycletrack. Angie Stoyanovich

talked about inviting City Council to a meet and greet bike ride to have some facetime with members and showcase facilities and needs.

Veda Evans asked about meeting in person. Will Washam asked the clerk about smaller subcommittee meetings, but no official guidance yet. Ms. Evans is unsure of participation right now because of COVID. Mr. Washam pointed out that only a small number of Council members can gather outside of an official meeting because of state statute. Veda Evans asked about unfunded projects. Mr. Washam said there are always unfunded projects, such as the ones in advance planning, but the top asks are all in there. Caitlin Tobin shared the draft letter for members to review. Vision Zero funding will increase from \$2 mil to \$4 mil. Ms. Stoyanovich is in complete agreement for a funding increase for Vision Zero because it ties in so well with what the Bike Program is trying to achieve as well. Caitlin Tobin continued to go through all of the programs that would be funded by this budget increase and highlighted them in the letter.

Eoin Sheil motioned to approve the letter as written, Adam Raskoskie seconded the motion and the letter was approved unanimously. Mrs. Tobin said she will be sure the letter gets sent out first thing tomorrow morning so that Council sees it before the straw vote.

Agenda Item #8 Member topics and updates

Veda Evans said with the review from Katie Lloyd about Meck Playbook, it may be in the interest of the BAC to show written support for this document to be adopted by County Commission. Will Washam said it will go before City Council before the BAC July meeting. Veda Evans offered to draft a letter with the Education subcommittee and bring back to the full group for a vote.

Agenda Item #9 Confirm next meeting and adjourn

The next meeting of the BAC is scheduled for June 22nd. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.