



BAC Members Present: Veda Evans, Vice Chair
Dustin Branham
Lekisha Hamilton
James Lee
Eoin Sheil
Angela Stoyanovitch
Mike Trivette

Members Absent: Paula Kranz
Alane Paraison
Liza Pratt
Caitlin Tobin

Staff Present: Hannah Bromberger, CDOT
Keith Sorensen, CDOT

Agenda Item #1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Veda Evans, Vice Chair at 6:08PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Roll call was taken for those BAC members present.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

No members of the public were present.

Agenda Item #4 New Business

Discuss support for Strategic Mobility Plan

Veda Evans opened with an explanation of the meeting's purpose, asked if there were any questions after reviewing the email from Hannah Bromberger. It was suggested that the reference to bike facility maintenance on page 65 could use more detail. Veda Evans asked who wants to speak during the public meeting in front of Council on Monday and suggested that person can use the talking points provided.

Veda Evans wanted to make sure the BAC was properly informed before going before Council. She suggested they speaking to the need for better connectivity of the bicycle network and went on to describe the citywide vision for our bike network, referencing the work done on the Charlotte Streets Map.

Veda Evans said with safety being the most important issue she wants to make sure it is strongly emphasized. Hannah Bromberger pointed out that Vision Zero addresses speed mitigation, lighting, traffic calming, and the street design guide. Lekisha Hamilton does not recall safety being referenced in the Bike

Strategy section. Angie Stoyanovitch said maybe we need to talk about how important Vision Zero is, what a powerful goal it is. Dustin Branham said Vision Zero has become a bit of lip service because so many cities have adopted it but have done little to implement. The problem is very clear, the problem is cars. Former NYC transport planner Janette Sandakan has good ideas, we could use some of these as actual objectives to achieve. Angie Stoyanovitch said she talked with City staff about the crash data, and it seems not to capture all the hit and runs. She said we need an estimate of nonreported crashes. How do we want to handle that moving forward? Veda Evans asked if the SMP will supersede the bike plan? Because in the Charlotte Bikes Plan it has a whole chapter on safety that should maybe be carried forward, just to ensure bicycle specific safety items will be included in the new document. Angie Stoyanovitch asked how do we more strongly embrace Vision Zero? Eoin Sheil left the meeting at 6:35.

Veda Evans said we agree on the overall document but have additional items we would like to have included. Are we for writing a letter in support? What do we want to highlight, or bring attention to items we think are missing? Angie Stoyanovitch said this is the most pivotal time for the BAC to make a recommendation. Lekisha Hamilton is in support of making a recommendation even if there are things to be addressed. Dustin Branham thinks this is a policy milestone and something the BAC can point back to in future years. We need to be an advocacy organization. Look around the world and see what cities are considered bike friendly. They are cities that have a strong BAC or bike advocacy organizations. Veda Evans thinks we are on the same page, just a matter of how far left or right we want to go with this. Mike Trivette pointed out that even though we might feel comfortable riding in the street, we want everyone to feel safe riding around the city. Mike Trivette used the Booty Loop as an example, describing a dangerous merge. He shared with CDOT staff and was told the data doesn't support doing anything because there are not enough crashes at this location.

Dustin Branham said we can send a letter and suggest adding a couple things on safety, that we agree and support the SMP, but we also want to add taking Vision Zero seriously—are we really collecting the data? We need to say uncomfortable things to push the envelope beyond mere lip service. Angie Stoyanovitch said she agrees with Veda's approach, speak to the points we agree with and beef up recommendations on how safety data is used—be more specific. Lekisha Hamilton said she wants to be careful we are not taking the sandwich approach and the message gets lost. She wants to make sure the criticisms don't get lost between the kudos. James Lee said to give it more power maybe we can enhance it with UDO items in terms of how we design our streets. We need to keep safety in the forefront, what are the policies that will implement that? How can we truly make Charlotte a more bike-friendly city?

Angie Stoyanovitch volunteered to speak on Monday. Dustin Branham seconded Angie's self-nomination and all members present moved to nominate Angie Stoyanovitch as the designated speaker to represent the BAC at the June 13th City Council meeting, endorsing the adoption of the SMP. Veda Evans offered to type up a summary of speaking points. Hannah Bromberger put a link in the chat to sign up to speak.

Agenda Item #5 Confirm next meeting and adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BAC will be held on June 28, 2022.