



CHARLOTTE.
March 22, 2022
6:00 PM

BAC Members	Alane Paraison	Veda Evans	Angela Stoyanovitch
Present:	James Lee	Lekisha Hamilton	Caitlin Tobin
	Paula Kranz	Eoin Sheil	Liza Pratt
	Dustin Branam	Michael Trivette	

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Will Washam Keith Bryant

Agenda Item #1 call to order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Caitlin Tobin, at 6:00PM.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Also present was Terry Lansdell with Bike/Walk NC.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

None.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

Alane Paraison motioned to approve the November minutes. James Lee seconded the motion and the November minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly reports

Chair's report: Ms. Tobin declared she is planning to nominate Liza Pratt for the Chair position.

Staff report: Mr. Washam gave a summary of the annual retreat and noted there are now 11 members of the BAC.

Agenda Item #6 New business

Election of chair and vice chair

Ms. Tobin nominated Veda Evans to continue serving as vice chair. Ms. Evans accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Paula Kranz, Alane Paraison, Eoin Sheil, Liza Pratt, Mike Trivette, and Lekisha Hamilton all voted in favor. Dustin Branam abstained. Ms. Kranz suggested giving members more time to consider nominations for elections. It was

explained that elections are typically held in January but were postponed in preparation for the annual retreat.

Caitlin Tobin nominated Liza Pratt to serve as the BAC chair. Ms. Pratt accepted the nomination. No other nomination were made. Dustin Branam, Eoin Sheil, Mike Trivette, Alane Paraison, Veda Evan, and Lekisha Hamilton all voted to elect Ms. Pratt as the new BAC chairperson.

BAC Annual Workplan

Mr. Washam outlined what the committee accomplished during its annual retreat in February, stating that it provided a forum for BAC members to meet each other and staff. The group completed a brainstorming exercise with BAC and staff for items/topics related to bicycling which could contribute to our continued development as a bicycle friendly city. The group catalogued and expanded upon the items identified. In response to a question from Ms. Stoyanovitch, Mr. Washam replied the categories of the spreadsheet are not the same as the tiers used to rank potential projects.

Points from the retreat were moved from the spreadsheet into a whiteboard format. Ms. Tobin asked Mr. Washam if he can go thru the UDO for better clarification. Mr. Washam replied they will get there. Ms. Tobin affirmed these are policy the BAC can get behind. Ms. Stoyanovitch loves seeing the visuals of the projects; helps us focus on our 2022 visions and goals. She also commented that we need to inspire and motivate commuter benefits. Mr. Branam said he would like to review the CTP guidelines to see how this might inform the BAC's expectations. Ms. Stoyanovitch asked if an incentive would be more like a tax break or a requirement? Mr. Washam replied the incentive would be more of a regulatory tool through the TDM component of the guidelines.

Mr. Washam presented the workplan to the group. Ms. Pratt thanked Mr. Washam for tying in BAC interests with City projects which allows the BAC to be transformative in the way they operate this year. The workplan lists policies that will be priorities for the BAC; it helps frame the committee's role. Staff presents to the group so they can learn, there are public engagement events, etc. to participate in and bring back to the BAC meetings. Ms. Stoyanovitch stated that face to face is beneficial, makes you feel like you are really working with City Council, etc. Ms. Hull suggested maybe they can really participate in a City Council meeting? Ms. Tobin said maybe they can invite them to the BAC special meeting? Mr. Washam replied they cannot have all the Council members at one meeting but could maybe invite one or two. Ms. Evans suggested a good time to invite Council members would be if the BAC has a letter of recommendation on the SMP or UDO. And the BAC could get more targeted answers if they were to attend more meetings like the TP&E committee.

Ms. Tobin made a motion to adopt the workplan. Ms. Pratt asked if there were any questions, clarifications or comments. Ms. Stoyanovitch seconded the motion and Ms. Pratt called for votes. Veda Evan, Lekisha Hamilton, Caitlin Tobin, Eoin Sheil, and Mike Trivette all voted to pass the 2022 BAC workplan as written. The workplan was adopted by a majority vote.

Comprehensive Transportation Reivew

CDOT Deputy Director, Ed McKinney, gave a presentation on the relationship between the 2040 Policy Map, the SMP, the UDO, Charlotte Streets Map, and comp plan. Mr. McKinney outlined goal 5 of the comp plan with its emphasis on safe and equitable mobility. He discussed Charlotte's travel patterns and mode shift, the limitations of adding capacity. He showed some sample street cross sections from the Streets Map. Ms. Tobin asked what has been the response from the development community about providing that space for bike/peds? Mr. McKinney replied that there are some setbacks for approval and that city staff are working with the development community to address their concerns. He went on to illustrate Parkwood Ave and South Blvd as examples of street cross sections that portray what CDOT is trying to accomplish through the Streets Map policy. Dustin Branan commented that the standard bike lane on South Blvd is not AAA; he considers himself a confident cyclist and avoids this route. Living in SoHo he says these areas are challenging for cyclists.

Rules of Procedure Amendment

This agenda item has been moved to the next BAC meeting. Will Washam said he will send out ten days before the April meeting to give the committee time to review.

Agenda Item #7 Member topics and updates

None.

Agenda Item #8 Confirm next meeting date and adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BAC is April 26. There is an optional bike ride scheduled for April 5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.