



## **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2022

BAC Members Present: Angela Stoyanovitch, Chair  
Dustin Branham, Vice-Chair  
Jay Banks  
John Holmes  
Kristen McSorley  
John Pinnix

BAC Members Absent: Christian Behrens  
James Lee  
Paula Kranz

City Staff Present: Hannah Bromberger, Charlotte Department of Transportation  
Katie Witherspoon, Charlotte Department of Transportation

### Agenda Item #1 Call to order

Angela Stoyanovitch called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

### Agenda Item #2 Introduction of members and guests

Angela Stoyanovitch – Chair, BAC  
Dustin Branham – Vice-Chair, BAC  
Jay Banks – BAC Member  
John Holmes – BAC Member  
Kristen McSorley – BAC Member  
John Pinnix – BAC Member  
Hannah Bromberger, CDOT – Strategic Mobility Division Manager  
Katie Witherspoon, CDOT – Transportation Planner III

Four members present from the public.

### Agenda Item #3 Call to the public

Public Comment: Would like to see more bike and pedestrian items in future bonds. Would like to see the BAC push for more funding in the 2024 bond cycle.

Revisit the rail spacers and make safer for all users.

Public Comment: Call to action – Create a series of text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance. Would like to have someone on the BAC to address recommended text amendments by February.

### Agenda Item #4 Review of the minutes

John Holmes votes to approve the minutes from October 25, 2022. John Pinnix seconds.

Need to update the list of attendees during introduction. Committee OK'd this change.

### Agenda Item #5 Monthly reports

*Committee report:* Angela Stoyanovitch would like to discuss the 2022 BAC Annual Report.

*Staff report:*

Hannah Bromberger shared that the 2022 bond passed in the recent election and will go through several levels of certification before funds become available in early 2023.

Hannah Bromberger shared information about World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, which will have an event on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Katie Witherspoon shared information on why we use the term “crash” not “accident.”

Per the Bicycle Advisory Committee’s prior request, Hannah Bromberger shared that the opportunity for an ad hoc, combined meeting with the Transit Services Advisory Committee (TSAC) has been confirmed for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30pm. The BAC agreed that it would be a good opportunity to discuss relevant issues between cycling and transit.

John Holmes would like to discuss the bike racks at transit stations and on buses.

*There were no other reports shared.*

### Agenda Item #6 New business

*BAC Annual Report Planning, Angela Stoyanovitch, BAC Chair*

Hannah Bromberger walked the BAC through the Annual Report template.

Angela Stoyanovitch: How should we determine our top 5 issues?

Dustin Branham: Would like to change the issues that need to be addressed from last year’s report.

Important items to discuss as part of the Annual Report:

Issues that need to be addressed and Recommendations to City Council:

1. Improving functionality of CLT+ app for bicyclists
2. Identifying solutions to prohibit automobiles from parking within bike facilities
3. Implementing the bike priority network and identifying projects that promote equitable outcomes
4. Supporting Vision Zero efforts including:
  - a. Constructing physical improvements along the High Injury Network,
  - b. Installing wayfinding and speed reduction strategies,
  - c. Advancing road redesign efforts,
  - d. Configuring traffic signal timing and installing bike signals, and
  - e. Implementation of All Ages & Abilities bicycle facilities to advance equity goals.

### *Discussion*

John Holmes shared information on community general items/themes:

1. Connectivity and improvements
2. People parking in bike lanes
3. CLT+ app

John Holmes would like to know more about how requests in the CLT+ app are addressed.

Angela Stoyanovitch: If we include reporting/app as an issue in the Annual Report, will it be addressed?

Hannah Bromberger: Including it as an issue in the Annual Report brings attention, so if it is a priority to the group, definitely include and we can use the Report to set future meeting agendas at the 2023 Retreat.

Dustin Branham: Parking in bike lanes can be prohibited by adding “no parking” signs or by adding a category under the no-parking ordinance that lists bike lanes as places you cannot park.

Angela Stoyanovitch: Address lack of connectivity for infrastructure that already exists.

Dustin Branham: Reminder of the bike priority network and that it exists.

*The Bike Priority Network can be viewed on Charlotte Explorer (here: <https://explore.charlottenc.gov/>) and selecting the SMP Bike Priority Network layer.*

Angela Stoyanovitch: BAC would like a staff presentation on bike priority network in 2023.

Dustin Branham: Consider choosing specific locations and pushing to get projects complete.

John Holmes: Would like to see more engineered solutions to achieve Vision Zero goals.

- Can move around the city if you know backroads, but the city is not set up as a grid.
- Areas such as Toby Creek Greenway can be confusing.
- If we're trying to make areas accessible, need to enhance our wayfinding.
- Concern is equity.

The BAC's Annual Report is due to the City Clerk December 1, 2022. Ultimately, these reports are shared with City Council.

### Agenda Item #7 Old business

*Community Feedback, John Holmes, BAC Member*

John Holmes has gathered community feedback and is presenting these items.

- Closing of Eastland DIY Skate Park – will there be a new skatepark or new location?
- CMPD has received media attention for enforcement of group known as the “Wheelie Boyz”. Proposed BAC writing a statement.
- Does CDOT, CATS, etc. have any plans to create connections to and from our natural amenities such as Crowders Mountain?

*Virtual Meeting Options, Angela Stoyanovitch, BAC Chair*

Will use Microsoft Teams for virtual option and will post online the link for the public to attend.

Members of the BAC may utilize the virtual meeting option once every six months without it counting against attendance requirements.

In July of 2023, the committee will look back on the effectiveness of holding hybrid meetings and attendance and reconsider any adjustments at that time.

*Annual Retreat, Hannah Bromberger, City Staff*

February retreat and will review planned agenda in January.

### Agenda Item #8 Member topics

Dustin Branham: Cross Charlotte Trail in NoDa – crossing Norfolk Southern train tracks. Solution is to build a bridge to cross. Would like to know how we can find out more information on where we're at with design and cost.

John Pinnix asked about the TravelSafely pilot. More information can be found here: <https://publicinput.com/travelsafelyclt>.

Angela Stoyanovitch: Issue of name of chair being used for phishing emails.

Agenda Item #9 Confirm next meeting date and adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> as a joint meeting with TSAC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.