



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Meeting on February 28, 2023, 4:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Angela Stoyanovitch, Chair
Dustin Branham, Vice-Chair
Frank Devine
John Holmes
Kristen McSorley
John Pinnix
Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent: Jay Banks
Christian Behrens
Paula Kranz

City Staff Present: Hannah Bromberger, CDOT
Dave Campbell, CDOT
Candy Phillips, Human Resources
Elina Shepard, CDOT

Agenda Item #1 Welcome, Introductions, Purpose

Angela Stoyanovitch called the meeting to order at 4:16PM. Angela clarified the purpose of the retreat. Dave Campbell went over the agenda of the meeting that was also shown on the screen. BAC members, staff members, and members of the public introduced themselves by stating their names and sharing how they got interested in biking. Two members of the public were present in person, and three were attending virtually.

Agenda Item # 2 Icebreaker

Members of the BAC, staff members, and members of public were engaged in an icebreaker activity by passing ball to each other and answering questions.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

Bob Moran, South Charlotte resident who likes biking everywhere. He would like to have more protected bike lanes and would like to be more involved with the biking community in the city. Eric Supil, East Charlotte resident who would like to have people engaged in cycling. He sees education as an important tool to help people get interested in biking.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the Minutes

Frank Devine made a motion to approve January 2023 meeting minutes. John Holmes seconded. Minutes were passed unanimously at 4:53PM.

Agenda Item #5 Look Back at 2022

Hannah Bromberger provided a recap of what the city has accomplished over 2022 with respect to bicycle related programming. Some of the accomplishments included Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP) adoption with a mode share target of 50/50 by 2040; incorporation of Charlotte BIKES into the SMP; development and adoption of Transportation Demand Management (TDM); Implementation of Open Streets events in 2022. Angela Stoyanovitch asked what projects from 2022 are still in progress and what projects are coming in 2023 that BAC can provide input on. Angela asked the staff to identify projects that the BAC members can provide input on in 2023. John Holmes asked how much it would cost to install a mile of a fiber optic line. Hannah Bromberger responded that she doesn't have a number to provide during the meeting, but the staff will follow up with this information later.

Agenda Item #6 Stretch Break

Agenda Item # 7 Smart Goal Discussion for 2023 and Dinner Break

Candy Phillips did an introduction into the concept of SMART Goals as well as three major themes that BAC members identified during the retreat last year to focus on: 1) Bike lane maintenance and operations: CLT+ app, cars parking on bike lanes; 2) Bicycle Priority Network; and 3) Vision Zero. Each of the three break out groups was tasked to focus on one theme and come up with two or three Smart Goals. Each BAC member joined one of the break-out room to brainstorm the goals, as did members of the public in attendance in person.

Bike land maintenance and operations: Hannah Bromberger (Staff), Dustin Branham (BAC), Frank Devine (BAC), Bob Moran (Public)

Bike Priority Network: Elina Shepard (Staff), John Holmes (BAC), John Pinnix (BAC), Nate Steinhauer (BAC)

Vision Zero group: Dave Campbell (Staff), Angela Stoyanovitch (BAC), Kristen McSorley (BAC), Eric Supil (Public).

Agenda Item # 8 Running List of Ideas

Due to the lack of time at the retreat it was decided to move this agenda item into regular BAC meeting in March. Dave Campbell said he will send out the Running List of Ideas to the BAC members, so they are prepared for the discussion during the March meeting and think about which of the items they would like to work on.

Agenda Item # 9 Dinner Break (took place earlier in the meeting)

BAC Members had dinner while discussing Smart Goals

Agenda Item # 10 Report out on Smart Goals

Bike lane maintenance and operations:

Goal # 1: To expand CLT+ app functionality to allow residents to report bike related issues.

Goal # 2: To create a portal that people could use to report bike related issues, for example incidents of cars parked on the bike lanes and other bike related violations for the purpose of data collection and further analysis. The discussion that followed included concerns about how to inform people of the portal's existence, expansion of CLT+ app functionality to include High Injury Network areas. It was suggested to pick up the discussion of these goals in April this year and return in Fall for a more comprehensive follow-up.

Bicycle Priority Network:

Goal # 1: To expand bike network to connect community hubs with underserved communities, first focusing on connections of hubs to uptown, and then hubs to other hubs.

Goal # 2: To reach out to communities in the underserved areas about the bike network redesign. Goal # 3: To diversify BAC membership. Some of the discussion around the goals focused on the definition of "underserved", areas that the city should focus on first building out the network, amendment of the goal # 1 to shift focus to planning and redesign of the network, rather than implementation due to time and funding constraints.

Vision Zero:

Goal # 1: To invite Angela Berry (CDOT's Traffic Safety & Special Projects Program Manager) to the BAC workshop to answer some outstanding questions of the BAC from last year's Vision Zero presentation and provide specific recommendations on street safety via a workshop format. The outcome of it will be an action plan on how to create a bike network that is safe. The focus of Goal #1 is on safety improvements on High Injury Network (HIN). Goal # 2: To provide education about safe bike routes off of the HIN. Some of the discussion around the goals focused on the importance of street improvements in the HIN areas and the ways streets safety could be enhanced, as well as wayfinding for people on bikes looking for safe routes off the HIN.

Candy Phillips conducted a consensus check asking each BAC member whether they can support the goals that have been formulated. All the members expressed support for the

goals that have been created suggesting the discussion around those topics would need to continue. Angela Stoyanovitch suggested that Bike Priority Network and High Injury Network have overlap and in ways may be combined into one discussion.

Agenda Item # 11 Build the 2023/Calendar

Due to the lack of time at the retreat it was decided to move this agenda item into regular BAC meeting in March. Dave Campbell encouraged members to think about what issues they would like to see on the BAC calendar in 2023 and bring it up for the discussion during the next BAC meeting, where an initial calendar will be adopted.

Agenda Item # 12 Subcommittee Discussion

Angela Stoyanovitch said it might be a good idea to introduce the subcommittees, as it was in the past, however that would require extra time commitment from the BAC members and additional hours of staff support. Frank Devine inquired if those subcommittee meetings could be done virtually. Angela responded that the committee would need to follow the rules, but virtual meetings could probably be an option. Due to the lack of time at the retreat it was decided to move this agenda item into regular BAC meeting in March.

Agenda Item # 13 Pluses and Minuses

Candy Phillips asked each BAC what went well at the retreat and what could be changed next time.

What went well: the venue where the retreat took place; working in small break out groups is a good opportunity to share thoughts; good recap of 2022 roadmap and perspective by the city staff; involvement of the city staff; positive tone of the conversation; ice-breaker activity; overall facilitation of the event; good opportunity for the engagement.

What could be changed next time: incorporating a bike ride into the retreat; would be good to have multiple breakouts and multiple discussions surrounding bike related issues; shorter discussion times; having a recap was important at this year retreat – next retreat should incorporate more spin offs and targeted brainstorming; more ice-breaking activities; improvements would be needed if virtual participation is going to be an option next time; having outside speakers joining the meeting.

John Pinnix asked whether it might be a good idea to invite press to the BAC meetings. Angela Stoyanovitch responded that members of the press have reached out to her asking whether they can attend the meeting, but they didn't show up. She emphasized the importance of not seeking media's attention rather figuring out the unified responses to the questions that media might have.

Agenda Item # 14 Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28th, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.