



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

Meeting on January 24, 2023, 6:00 PM

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

BAC Members Absent: Christian Behrens  
John Holmes  
Paula Kranz

City Staff Present: Hannah Bromberger, Charlotte Department of Transportation  
Dave Campbell, Charlotte Department of Transportation  
Elina Shepard, Charlotte Department of Transportation  
Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

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

### Agenda Item # 2 Moment of Silence for Kristie Crowder

Angela Stoyanovitch provided details into a car/bicycle crash that resulted in the death of bicyclist Kristie Crowder earlier in January 2023. Angela Stoyanovitch (BAC Chair) introduced herself and let Dustin Branham (BAC Vice-Chair) introduce himself and lead the moment of silence.

### Agenda Item #3 Introduction of Members and Guests

BAC members introduced themselves providing information on the neighborhood they live in and how long they have been with the BAC. City staff members present also introduced themselves. Members of public were not introduced unless they were presenting their comments during the public forum section of the meeting. There were 11 people from the public present in the room in person, and 13 joining virtually.

#### Agenda Item #4 Call to the Public

Four members of the public attending in person presented their comments.

*Jerry Lee* – a member of Mecklenburg’s Greenway Advisory Council (GAC) talked about the progress in building greenways that the county has made and provided thoughts on what else could be done to improve bike/greenway infrastructure. He also mentioned that Mecklenburg’s GAC currently has several vacant positions for people to apply for.

*Laurel Yohe* – professor at UNC Charlotte asked not to widen roads, to close Camden Road in South End to cars, and to finish bike connection to UNC Charlotte.

*Steven Marshall* – identified as a recreational cyclist that was concerned about street design of The Plaza, double parked cars, and the bike lane approach on The Plaza at Central Avenue.

*Phillip Gussman* – Vice-Chair of the Charlotte Planning Commission, provided insights on bike infrastructure improvements and offered his support to the cycling community as a fellow cyclist and member of the Plaza Midwood community.

Anyone interested to apply for Mecklenburg’s Greenway Advisory Council position should email Jerry Lee ([jerrylee4urbanplanning@gmail.com](mailto:jerrylee4urbanplanning@gmail.com)), Paul Freestone ([paulfreestone46@gmail.com](mailto:paulfreestone46@gmail.com)) or Katie Lloyd (Senior Planner for the county [katie.lloyd@mecknc.gov](mailto:katie.lloyd@mecknc.gov)).

John Holmes left the meeting at 06:32PM

#### Agenda Item #5 Review of the Minutes

Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to accept the December 8th, 2022, meeting minutes. Jay Banks seconded the adoption of minutes of the previous meeting. December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes were approved and will be posted online on the [BAC’s website](#).

#### Agenda Item #6 Monthly Reports

##### *Staff report*

Dave Campbell, Bicycle & Micromobility Planner with CDOT, made a report on behalf of the staff. Among the few issues that he covered was an ongoing investigation by the CMPD of the fatality of Kristie Crowder that he will report back on to the board members when an update becomes available. Dave Campbell solicited board members’ feedback on the possible locations for video traffic detectors and dead-end streets that could be reopened for bicyclists and pedestrians. Dave also shared an update on the planned Open Streets events in 2023 and reminded board members to submit City Council’s survey by January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The staff report was followed by a brief discussion of BAC subcommittees that used to bring reports to BAC meetings in the past and that later were disbanded. Angela Stoyanovitch suggested the BAC might reintroduce subcommittees again this year and can discuss this issue at the upcoming retreat.

### Agenda Item # 7 New Business

- Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk, presented on the roles and responsibilities of the BAC members, explaining what it means to serve on the advisory committee. Slides are available on the [city's website](#).
- Angela Stoyanovitch reminded the audience about the upcoming BAC retreat and asked board members what bike related topics they would like to have discussed. Among the issues members brought up were process for placing items on the BAC meeting agenda; bike lane maintenance and enforcement (car parked in the lanes, debris, etc.), and improvement to existing bike infrastructure. Angela Stoyanovitch reminded board members that the BAC recently discussed bike lane maintenance and that the discussion should be reflected in the minutes of the previous meetings.

### Agenda Item # 8 Old Business

Dave Campbell reported on CDOT's ongoing efforts to update the Charlotte Cycling Guide. The guide will be largely informed by the Strategic Mobility Plan, particularly the Bicycle Framework chapter, and will include the Bicycle Priority Network.

Frank Devine suggested the city should get away from using sharrows, or shared-lane markings, outside of way finding solutions, because studies have been conducted that found them inefficient.

Links to the articles about sharrows shared by Frank Devine:

- <https://www.peopleforbikes.org/news/we-were-wrong-about-sharrows>
- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-02-05/study-sharrows-might-be-more-dangerous-to-cyclists-than-having-no-bike-infrastructure>

Dustin Branham brought up the idea of reintroducing subcommittees to have more focused discussions on bike related issues and suggested there might be a motion to vote on re-introducing subcommittees during the next BAC meeting. Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to re-introduce subcommittees. Frank Devine seconded the motion. Dustin Branham made an argument against re-introducing the committees at the meeting on January 24, as new BAC members might need more details before they vote. Angela Stoyanovitch withdrew her motion. Additional discussion about the reintroduction of subcommittees is anticipated during the February meeting.

### Agenda Item # 9 Members Topics and Updates

- Dustin Branham said that some parts of Bicycle Priority Network need to be updated and asked if there is a version of the map that one can use to see more details. Hannah Bromberger responded that the SMP Bike Priority Network map is available as a [layer in Charlotte Explorer](#). Dustin Branham suggested each of the BAC members should look at that map to inform future conversations about potential adjustments to the Bicycle Priority Network map.

Agenda Item # 10 Any additional public comments

*None*

Agenda Item # 11 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next BAC meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and will be in the form of a retreat. Some board members expressed concerns over the proposed time of the retreat. Staff said they will follow up about the time of the retreat.

Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to close the meeting. Frank Devine seconded the motion. Meeting was closed at 7:54 pm.