



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

Meeting on March 28, 2023, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Angela Stoyanovitch, Chair  
Frank Devine  
John Holmes  
Kristen McSorley  
John Pinnix  
Donielle Prophete  
Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent: Jay Banks  
Christian Behrens

City Staff Present: Dave Campbell, CDOT  
Elina Shepard, CDOT

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Angela Stoyanovitch called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### Agenda Item # 2 Introductions of Members and Guests

Three members of the public joined the meeting in person, and four joined virtually. Among people present in person were Kristine Weber – Charlotte cycling advocate. A new BAC member, Donielle Prophete has introduced herself as well.

### Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

Sonja, Charlotte bike commuter and advocate shared her concerns over some intersections in Charlotte being dangerous for cyclists. She reported the issue through 311 in the past, and adjustments have been made to the traffic signaling, but it didn't help solve the problem.

Scott, another bike commuter and interested member of the public talked about the danger for cyclists sharing the street space with car users. Some of the concerns come from the car speed limits and the timing of traffic lights that are not compatible with the safe travel for cyclists.

#### Agenda Item #4 Review of the Minutes

John Holmes made a motion to approve February Retreat 2023 meeting minutes. Frank Devine seconded. Minutes were passed unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #5 BAC 2023 Workplan and Retreat Follow-up

Dave Campbell showed the BAC board members and the public the spreadsheet that had a running list of ideas and priorities that had been identified during the board retreat in February. All the ideas of smart goals have been grouped into one of three priority areas: *“Bicycle Priority Network”, “Maintenance/Operations”, and “Vision Zero”*. Dave Campbell went over each item in the list soliciting board members thoughts and questions.

#### **BICYCLE PRIORITY NETWORK:**

##### Community Hubs

John Holmes provided some comments on what the “Community Hubs’ goal entails. Some of the discussion focused on the definition of equity and whether “equity” should be a standalone goal or should be woven into all the bike projects planning. John Pinnix said that having an equitable bike lanes planning means accounting for people who don’t have cars to get to places.

It was also brought up by the members that in the past BAC would do opportunity rides joined by the city staff members to different parts of Charlotte to understand which areas would need improvements. There was interest to bring those rides back.

##### Repaving Program

Frank Devine suggested it would be helpful for Angela Berry, CDOT’s Traffic Safety & Special Projects Program Manager, joining BAC meeting in May to provide an update which streets in Charlotte are up for the repaving.

##### Regional Bike Planning efforts:

Dave explained that the board didn’t have time to go into detail on this item during the retreat. Angela Stoyanovitch said that BAC members would be interested in collaborating with the Greenway Advisory Council. She reminded the public and board members that December meeting was a joint meeting with TSAC (Transit Services Advisory Committee), and was focused on bike parking around mobility hubs, and overall interaction of cyclists

and public transit. Dave Campbell responded that it is possible to organize joint meetings/group rides with other groups. Frank Devine suggested it could be a good idea to test bike racks, maybe on Earth Day or in May during the Bike month.

#### Separated Bike Lane Design Guide efforts:

Angela Stoyanovitch said that having an ability to have input on a bike lane planning would be important since the board has little power over the enforcement once bike lane is built. Dave Campbell responded that the guide would have a lot of information in it, and he won't ask BAC to provide feedback on every single detail in it, but he will bring it for the BAC's input later this year (Summer or Fall).

#### Bike Parking:

Angela Stoyanovitch said it would be great for cyclists in the city to have a safe place to park and leave a bike, for example, for people who are attending games at the stadium in downtown Charlotte. Some of the existing bike racks are not comfortable. John Holmes asked what mechanisms the city has in place to build more parking racks in the existing places (infilling), since the UDO bike rack requirement will only capture new development. Angela Stoyanovitch added that it would be helpful for the city to have conversations with the private parties, for example grocery stores to have more parking racks installed.

#### MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS PRIORITY AREA

Some of the discussed items included financial incentives for the residents to report cars illegally parked on the bike lanes.

#### VISION ZERO PRIORITY AREA

Angela Stoyanovitch emphasized the importance of having access to a complete crash data. She added that the meeting that BAC had with Angela Berry, in the past revealed that data was incomplete. John Holmes emphasized the importance of educating the public, media, and local enforcement on the language ("crash" vs "accident"), as well as contributing factors that are often overlooked in the crash reporting, such as speed limit. Dave Campbell offered to invite CMPD officer to the May meeting, which Angela Berry will be attending as well.

#### Agenda Item #6 Monthly Reports

Discussion of this agenda item was postponed until the next BAC meeting.

### Agenda Item # 7 New Business

Discussion of this agenda item (updating of Charlotte's Cycle Guide) was postponed until the next BAC meeting.

### Agenda Item # 8 Old Business

- *Vice Chair nomination.* Following Dustin Branham's resignation from the board that he announced during the February retreat, Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to nominate Frank Devine to be the new Vice Chair. The nomination was uncontested, and the board has voted unanimously to appoint Frank Devine a new Vice Chair.
- *Revisiting subcommittees.* Angela Stoyanovitch provided a brief overview of the way subcommittees were operating in the past and asked the board members if anyone would oppose to have subcommittees reinstated this year. Angela reminded the board members that should the committees be reinstated, there is an expectation that each member would need to join one. The subcommittee meetings will also require minutes to be taken, which means additional staff time would be needed to support those meetings. In overall, the BAC members supported the idea of reinstating the subcommittees. Some of the concerns that have been brought up included format (virtual vs in person), subject focus of the subcommittees, schedule, length of the meetings, and attendance requirement. Dave Campbell reminded the board that absences at the subcommittee's meetings will count towards overall board attendance requirement. Following the discussion, it was decided to postpone the vote on reinstating the subcommittees, until all the details are ironed out, and bring it back to the board discussion next time.

### Agenda Item # 9 Member Topics and Updates

Nate Steinhauer asked who oversees bike ride share in the city. Dave Campbell responded that it is an entity called "Joy Rides" that has an office on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

John Holmes asked if there is anything that could be done about the North Tryon and East Sugar Creek intersection to calm traffic and make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians to cross. Dave Campbell has responded that this intersection is not on the BAC priorities list for now but if there is a hazard it can be reported through the CLT + app.

### Agenda Item # 10 Any Additional Public Comment

No additional comments from the public.

### Agenda Item # 11 Confirm Next Meeting

Dave Campbell said that due to a schedule conflict, he had to cancel BAC meeting in April. He suggested that instead, the board can choose to have a subcommittee meeting in April or have a joint bike ride with the Greenway Advisory Council (GAC) on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to make a joint BAC and GAC meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. John Holmes seconded the joint meeting with GAC and BAC on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The board voted to have the next BAC meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Campbell reminded members of the board that they cannot miss more than 3 meetings in a row and cannot miss more than 65% of the meetings in a year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.