



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

Meeting on May 23, 2023, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Angela Stoyanovitch (Chair)  
Frank Devine (Vice Chair)  
Aaron Cook  
Miguel Garcia  
John Holmes  
Kristen McSorley  
John Pinnix

BAC Members Absent: Jay Banks  
Christian Behrens  
Donielle Prophete  
Nate Steinhauer

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

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Frank Devine called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Christine Weber – Charlotte cycling advocate. New BAC members, Aaron Cook and Miguel Garcia introduced themselves as well.

### Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

Christine Weber shared an idea of creating a webpage for communities to share cycling events with the others--[WeeklyRides.com/bikecharlotte](http://WeeklyRides.com/bikecharlotte)– a place for community to check out for all the upcoming bike related events in the city.

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

- *March 28<sup>th</sup> BAC meeting*
- *May 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Bike Ride (BAC & GAC)*

Frank Devine made a motion, and Kristen McSorley seconded a motion to approve March 28<sup>th</sup> BAC meeting minutes. March 28<sup>th</sup> minutes were passed unanimously. Frank Devine made a motion, and Aaron Cook seconded a motion to approve May 7<sup>th</sup> joint BAC & GAC bike ride meeting minutes. May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were passed unanimously. Frank Devine suggested for the next joint ride meeting to pick a route through areas where bike infrastructure needs improvement.

#### Agenda Item #5 BAC 2023 Schedule and Subcommittees

Dave Campbell went over the concept of subcommittees and the schedule of BAC meetings throughout the rest of the 2023 if the subcommittees are re-introduced. *The preliminary schedule of subcommittee meetings for 2023 was posted on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda.* Two subcommittees have been organized in the past and the idea is to bring them back again: *Engineering and Infrastructure; Education and Encouragement.* Each BAC member would need to join one of the two subcommittees of their choice to attend, and there should be an even split among members in each group. Each BAC member will only need to attend one subcommittee meeting, per the schedule proposed if approved.

Frank Devine added that the purpose of subcommittees is to dig deep into the specific topics and report the discussion back to the full BAC meeting. Frank expressed concern over the full BAC meeting not taking place in November according to the proposed schedule. The concern is that end of the year is when the BAC would need to provide a report for the City Council.

Angela Stoyanovitch responded that this issue could be addressed by appointing a chair to each subcommittee who will then report back to the BAC chair during the full committee meeting covering what was discussed during the subcommittee meeting. If the chair of the subcommittee is not present during the full BAC meeting, they could delegate someone from their subcommittee to report on their behalf.

Dave Campbell said that BAC members are welcome to attend both subcommittee meetings, but the attendance will only be counted for the subcommittee they are assigned to. Frank Devine added that subcommittee meetings are going to be public, so anyone should be able to attend. Dave Campbell said he will clarify this with the Clerk to make sure this is correct and will communicate back. (this is OK)

Frank Devine made a motion to approve the re-introduction of two subcommittees. John Pinnix seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

#### ***BAC members subcommittee assignments***

Dave Campbell said that Chair is not going to be assigned to any of the subcommittees, however, Angela Stoyanovitch said that Chair did join one of the subcommittees in the past. Dave Campbell responded that he would clarify that with the Clerk and report back. Each BAC member present at the meeting picked the subcommittee that they would be interested to join: Angela Stoyanovitch: *Education and Encouragement*; John Holmes – *Engineering and Infrastructure*; Kristen McSorley – *Engineering and Infrastructure*; John Pinnix – *Education and Encouragement*; Aaron Cook – *Engineering and Infrastructure*; Miguel Garcia – *Education and Encouragement*; Frank – *Education and Encouragement*; Donielle Prophete (not present at the meeting) – temporary assigned to *Education and Encouragement* subcommittee; Jay Banks (not present at the meeting) – temporary assigned to *Engineering and Infrastructure* subcommittee; Nate Steinhauer (not present at the meeting) – temporary assigned to *Engineering and Infrastructure* subcommittee.

Frank Devine said he will reach out to the BAC members to confirm the assignment.

### ***Subcommittee meetings schedule and location***

Frank Devine made a motion to have “Engineering and Infrastructure” subcommittee meeting on third Tuesday of the month, and “Education and Encouragement” subcommittee on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Aaron Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Time and location of the meetings will remain the same: 6:00PM at the Government Center.

Some BAC members supported the idea of having subcommittee meetings in different locations, however it was agreed to be logistically challenging. In addition to the mandatory subcommittee meetings, the committee members expressed interest in having ad-hoc bike rides/meetings in different parts of the city, that would be off-record and would not have strict attendance requirements for the BAC members. Frank Devine said it would be beneficial to post those upcoming rides on the city’s website. It was agreed that having a 1-2 week notice of the upcoming bike trip time and location would give BAC members enough time to prepare for the ride.

Dave Campbell expressed concern over the quorum that might be present even if the BAC ad-hoc rides are unofficial gatherings. If there is a quorum, public would need to have access to those meetings. Dave added he will check with the Clerk on the rules and will report back.

### **Agenda Item #6 Monthly Reports**

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

### **Agenda Item # 7 New Business**

Dave Campbell showed a Google map with locations of some of Charlotte’s “living ends” (commonly referred to as “dead ends”). He asked BAC members to identify some of the dead-end street locations that could be reopened for better pedestrian and bike connectivity and provide ideas on what the standards for those reopened streets should be.

Some members pointed at the locations that could be better connected in the South End, on Central Ave, on Yadkin Ave & Matheson Ave, on Parkwood Ave, Wilora Lake neighborhood (connection to Eastland Mall area), among other locations. Dave concluded the discussion by reminding BAC members to put a pin of the “living end” (preferably with the address of the closest building) that BAC members use or know about that would be helpful to have a closer look at and send him their suggestions over the email.

#### Agenda Item # 8 Old Business

Angela Stoyanovitch announced that due to other commitments she is taking up on soon, she will step down as a Chair and a member of the BAC. Given June meeting are scheduled to be subcommittee meetings, her last full BAC meeting is going to be in July, when BAC members will vote on the new Chair and Co-Chair.

#### Agenda Item # 9 Member Topics and Updates

John Holmes said that there are communities outside of Charlotte, such as those in Concord, NC that are interested to have a bike connection to Charlotte. He suggested it would be beneficial to start having conversations with those communities to build connections.

Frank Devine said that he called 311 number to report a gravel on bike lane on Central Ave the other day, and that time on hold was very long which, he said, might be discouraging for community members to report issues this way. He said that submitting the issue through the app would be much easier. Dave Campbell responded that the city is upgrading the app with the functionality that will allow residents to report bike related issues. While this is still work in progress, he encouraged BAC members and public to report bike lane issues under “right of way obstruction” category in the app. Frank Devine said when the app is upgraded with the new functionality, he would like the instructions (short video or PDF) to be released educating the public on how to submit a bike related request through the app.

#### Agenda Item # 10 Any Additional Public Comment

No additional comments from the public.

#### Agenda Item # 11 Confirm Next Meeting

Next meeting is going to be a subcommittee (“Engineering and Infrastructure”) meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Government Center.

Frank Devine made a motion to close the meeting, John Holmes seconded the motion. The meeting closed at 7:51 PM